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# Ministers snub 2-speed Europe

# Lamont cools war of words with Germany

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

BRITAIN was still at odds with its key EC partners last night when finance ministers refused to back Norman Lamont's calls for a reform of the European exchange-rate

At the end of an acrimonious five-hour meeting the ministers declared that they did not want to see a two-speed European economy. But it was clear that the divisions over the future of Europe were far from

In an attempt to end Brit-ain's war of words with Germany over the Govern-ment's handling of the ster-ling crisis and the future of the Maastricht treaty, Mr Lamont apologised to the Germans. He told a news conference: "There has been a lot of controversy. We have had our

# Smith enjoys a dream start

BY PHILLP WEBSTER

LABOUR vesterday gave John Smith a dream start as leader when it overwhelmingly endorsed his European policy, rejected two of his most vocal critics and elected his two closest lieutenants to the party's ruling body.

In votes declared at the end of the first day of Labour's conference in Blackpool, the left-winger Dennis Skinner, and Bryan Gould, who resigned from the shadow cabinet in protest at Mr Smith's European line, were thrown off the national executive committee. Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, and Tony Blair, the shadow home secretary, were elected at the first attempt in a vivid demonstration of chang-

ing opinion.
The party showed its gratitude to Neil Kinnock. who topped the poll and so returns to the executive he left when he stood down as leader three months ago.

The executive elections. underlining the way Mr Smith has taken a grip on the party machine, came after a crushing victory in the debate on Europe. With Mr Smith striving to identify Labour as the party of Europe, the conference inflicted a big defeat on the pro-referendum lobby, swinging behind Mr Continued page 18, col 1

Smith victory, page 10

differences and I am sorry if it Britain's views. "This is not how the system is supposed to work," he said. "We're not has caused offence." Earlier Germany's finance minister, Horst Koehler, blaming the Bundesbank, like launched a stinging attack on British attempts to blame Germany for the sterling crisome countries I could men-tion. The ERM is fine for us," said an Italian official — who was nevertheless unable to say when the Italian lira would resis. He made it clear that the German government and the

enter the ERM."

In a further attempt to heal

divisions over the future shape of Europe, John Major flies to Paris to day for talks with President Mitterrand and an assurance that Britain would not be isolated by a Franco-German axis. He will also meet Paul Schlueter, Denmark's prime minister, ben-

mark's prime minister, hop-

ing to reach a compromise

that he can present to his

firmed its commitment to a

one-speed Europe. The Dan-

ish economy minister, Anders

would like to stress that what-

ever happens it is the policy of the Danish government to participate in the hard core of the ERM, even if it is made

Douglas Hurd, foreign sec-retary, faces a tough time when he addresses the confer-

ence in the debate on Europe.
The EC ministers' state-

ment agreed that "reflection

and analysis" on the operation

of the ERM was necessary.

Mr Lamont made clear that

the Birmingham summit on

October 16 would not take or

announce any decisions which might affect international

Christopherson, EC commis-

sioner for finance and clearly

reflecting the views of a major-

ity which place present and

that officials would be reflect-

ing on "technicalities rather

than the principles of the

ERM". Some governments believe that the ERM will be

safer from attacks on weak

currencies if Maastricht looks

During an earlier discus-sion of the EC budget, six

ministers questioned the Brit-

ish rebate, under which half of

Britain's contribution to EC

Split confirmed page 2

set for ratification.

funds is returned.

future faith in the ERM, said

money markets.

Bundesbank were fed up with taking the blame for the chaos in the ERM. He accused Britain of "wild accusations and scape-goating".

German officials said that press reports linking the attitude of the Bundesbank with the Nazis had been theremuch. the Nazis had been thoroughly offensive. There was also anger over remarks made by British Cabinet ministers about Germany's role in supporting the French franc only a few days after watching

In a statement issed after their meeting in Brussels, the ministers said: "Everyone present emphasised their opposition to the concept of a two-speed Europe and reiterated that the object of the Community was to proceed

sterling flounder.

Ministers, who had met under the chairmanship of Mr Lamont, also issued a robust affirmation of their faith in the European Monetary System which is at odds with the calls for reform which have been made both by the prime minister and Mr Lamont. The EMS, the statement said, is "key factor of economic stability and pros-

perity in Europe.

But a deep rift remained between the Chancellor and his 11 fellow finance ministers over where responsibility lay for the financial turmoil which recently saw the pound taken out of the ERM.

Several other ministers made clear their governments' view that the ERM might be further destabilised by attacks on its operations or squabbles between Britain and Germany and that Britain was the author of its own financial misfortunes.

"We're not here to discuss the failure of the European Monetary System," said one EC diplomat. Mr Lamont. said that Britain had not been isolated at the meeting, adding that other governments such as Spain and Italy shared

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### Irish interest rates up

IRELAND raised its key lending rates by three points yesterday in an effort to stabilise the punt, which was under severe attack from speculators amid continued rumours of a two-tier monetary system in Europe.

Albert Reynolds, the prime

minister, ruled out a devalua-

tion, insisting that Ireland wanted to be in the first

division of Europe.
In Britain, expectations of a further cut in base rates sent sterling two pfennigs down at

Defending the punt, page 19 Comment, page 23

# Missionaries and children among Airbus dead



Andrew Wilkins, his wife Helen and their children Hannah. (back). Simeon and Naomi

# 35 Britons

# killed in Himalayan air crash

A MISSIONARY couple and their three children were among up to 35 Britons on board a Pakistani Airbus 300 which crashed in the Himalayas on approach to Kathmandu airport yesterday, with the loss of all 167 people on board. Rescuers reported no trace of survivors at

the crash site, ten miles south of Nepal's capital.

Flight PK268, a regular Pakistan International Airlines service from Karachi, lost contact with Kathmandu airpon six minutes before landing. The crew gave no indication of any difficulties. Nageendra Prasad Chimire, deputy airport manager, said there was no apparant explanation. "Everything was normal." he said.

Local people reported hearing a loud explosion. Those first at the scene found the wreckage in flames with debris scattered over a wide area. Rescue workers then cordoned off the area. Nepal radio said the bodies of victims would be handed over to relatives today.

The crash was the second in Nepal in two months. On July 31, a Thai Airways airbus crashed, killing all 113 on board.

Among the dead Britons were Andrew Wilkins, 38, his pregnant wife Helen. 36, and their children Hannah, ten, Naomi, eight, and Simeon, six. Mr Wilkins worked on Christian relief projects. The family, who had spent three years in Nepal, were returning for another three years from the All Nations Christian College, near Ware, Hertfordshire, Britain's secondlargest missionary training college. A fourth

child was due in March.

Another Briton feared dead was Sharon Duhig, 28, a ski instructor, on a trip to climb to the base camp of Mount Everest. Reg Duhig, her father, of Hillingdon, Middlesex, said: "She had planned to trek for a month and then go to the base camp. It was a lifelong dream."

Mr Duhig, who works at Heathrow airport, said his daughter had been travelling with a friend whom she had met while working in Austria during the summer. It was not known if he was on the flight.

Two men working for travel firm Encounter Overland were also on the plane. Three other Britons on the flight were believed to have booked through a north London travel company Bridge the World.

Mr Wilkins, a consultant engineer and geologist, was seconded from the London-based charity Interserve, which provides about 70 personnel to the United Mission to Nepal. He

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# Mini-Europe on Rhine may leave Britain behind

AS European Community states rounded on Britain at yesterday's meeting of finance ministers, there were growing signs that France and

Germany may be moving toward a "mini-Europe on the Rhine", leaving Britain on the All parties in the German coalition led by Chancellor Kohl went out of their way

statement by the finance ministers and reject the concept of a "two-speed Europe", but German press reports suggested that contingency plans for a mini-monetary union centred on the mark and the franc were being drawn up by Paris

yesterday to underline the

and Bonn. The Franco-German axis was further reinforced last

night by the launching of the first television service to serve both countries, creating a "common televisual space" The centrepiece of yesterday's broadcast was Wim Wenders' 1987 Franco-German film Wings of Desire.

German commentators maintained that reports of a 'mini-Europe" emanated from Brussels rather than Paris or Bonn and were intended to put pressure on John Major as EC chairman to speed up the ratification of Maastricht.

Elisabeth Guigou, the French Minister for European Affairs, said France could not wait indefinitely for the UK to ratify the treaty.

of honour but who reluctantly

withdrew, described the Brit-

ish reaction as "absurd hyste-

ria". He was also angry at the

Albrecht Müller, of the

opposition Social Democrats.

referring to the concentration

camp inmates who died mak-

ing the V2, said: "Considering

20,000 forced labourers were

German reaction.

### **PAGES** Drugs ring

ON OTHER

# smashed

More than 200 people have been held by police in five countries who believe they have smashed a vast drugs network involving Colombian traffickers and the Mafia. In London, cocaine worth £7 million was seized when two Americans were arrested near Victoria. About £1.75 million in cash was also uncovered in a lock-up

### Killers freed

Murderers of all races were released under President de Klerk's amnesty for political prisoners. most of them unrepentant. The 150 freed so far include a Coloured man who killed three white women when he bombed a café, a white man who shot six blacks and an Indian in the heart of Pretoria, and assassins from the ANC's armed wing. Another 400 are expected to be released .... . Page 12

### Paras charged

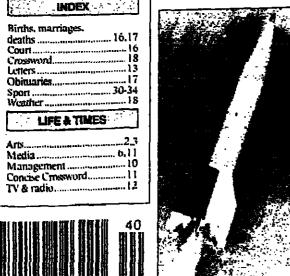
Six soldiers from The Parachute Regiment are to face criminal charges arising from several days of disturbances in Coalisland Co Tyrone after one of their colleagues was maimed by an IRA

### Iliescu wins

President Iliescu of Romania looked set to retain power as early election results showed him comfortably beating Emil Constantinescu...... Page 13



# Outrage halts celebration to honour 50th birthday of Hitler's V2 rocket



Dubious honour: the German wonder weapon THE celebrations commemorating the fiftieth anniversay of Germany's notorious V2 rocket have been called off after a barrage of criticism from the country's politicians and fierce opposition from

Many senior German politicians described the plan as tasteless and irreverent, and with relations between Britain and Germany strained over the future of Europe, the government persuaded the German Acrospace Industry Federation to abandon the celebrations.

The event was being held to mark what was billed as "man's first step into space". The V2's inventor, Werner von Braun, led the US space FROM IAN MURRAY IN BONN programme after the second

But in Britain, where the V2 spread terror and killed thousands of civilians, anger over the commemoration matched

that in Germany provoked by the unveiling of the "Bomber" Harris statue. Yesterday, Bob Ogley, author of Doodlebugs and Rockets, said the fact that the Germans had even considered celebrating the anniversary was absolutely appalling. "Werner von Braun might have been interested in space exploration, but it was he who went to Hitler and told him this was a weapon capable of destroying the British."

Over the weekend. Erich Riedl, the junior economics minister who was to be guest

abused to death and considering the number of victims of this weapon, there is absolutely no reason to celebrate." However, Karl Dersch. president of the aerospace

federation, regretted that Germany's scientific achievments could not be honoured. "This achievement remains the foundation for worldwide space technology," he said.

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# Palace and Treasury discuss cutting royal payments

By Alan Hamilton

BUCKINGHAM Palace and Treasury officials are examining the possibility of changes in the way the royal family is funded from the public purse. to streamline the whole apparatus of monarchy and to head off criticism of waste and unearned privilege.

Two important avenues being considered are a severe reduction in the Civil List to exclude minor members of the royal family who receive an annual grant to cover the cost of their public duties, and an annual payment by the Queen from her private resources in lieu of income tax.

the palace and

Downing Street refuse to dis-cuss the issue, but it is clear that talks are still at an early and exploratory stage, with no parliamentary timetable yet set for changes, contrary to some reports.

The initiative for change has come from the Queen herself. who is in many ways more politically assute than many politicians. No current or recent Tory prime minister, nor any loyal opposition leader, would contemplate approaching the monarch with a request to pay tax or a suggestion that the regal equivalent of social security payments be reduced.

John Major is believed to have discussed the financial question with the Queen during his audience at Balmoral earlier this month, but as befits a Tory prime minister is said to have an open mind on any changes to the system. In spite of some agitation from his backbenchers, he is content to leave the initiative to the palace.

It is also clear that the Queen has not been panicked into action by this summer's torrent of bad publicity in the tabloid press about the Princess of Wales and the Duchess of York. Financing the crown, which costs the taxpayer att estimated £50 million a year. from the Civil List to repairs to the royal yacht Britannia, has been the subject of quiet debate since Margaret more cosmetic than real and Thatcher engineered a ten- will satisfy some shades of year Civil List deal in 1990 and the palace brought in Michael Peat, a City accountant, to balance its books.

Unstitching the ten-year deal, which gives the royal family a total of E9S million over the decade, would require an Order in Council, a simple enough matter if the political climate allowed it. Earlier this year, some backbenchers expressed anger that the longterm deal was unavailable for scrutiny by the Commons public accounts committee or by Sir John Bourn, the Comptroller and Auditor-General. Any changes in royal family

funding are likely to end up

public opinion rather than provide significant windfalls for the Treasury. Taxing the Queen would be a matter of immense complexity, and best estimates suggest that her personal holdings, even charged at the higher tax rate of 40 per cent, would yield little more than £1.2 million a year to the Exchequer.

Consideration is also being given to ending Civil List payments to most of the 11 members of the royal family in receipt of working expenses from the state. The Queen already repays from her pri-vate funds the allowances of the Dukes of Kent and Alexandra. Removing fund-ing from the Duke of York. Prince Edward, the Princess Royal, Princess Margaret and Princess Alice, Duchess of Gioucester, would save about £600,000 a year.

The Prince and Princess of Wales do not figure in the calculations, as they are funded entirely from the revenues of the Duchy of Cornwall: in addition, one quarter of the duchy's annual profits are handed over to the Treasury in lieu of income tax, and equivalent to payment at the basic rate of 25 per cent. Critics point out that the prince, on his income, should be paying tax at 40 per cent.

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# City hall blamed for £10m games loss

The profligate spending policies of Sheffield council were to blame for its £10.4 million loss on the World Student Games in July last year, a report published last night by the district auditor said. The document criticises councillors who, it says, knew the risks but failed to examine finances on behalf of the public. The author, Gordon Sutton, also blames Ray Gridley, the games director and city housing chief, who was brought in at short notice in an effort to salvage the event.

Mr Sutton says that Sheffield's leaders "patently failed to impose their will on the officers concerned. At no time did they have adequate financial information on which to base their decisions."

In a seperate report, also published last night. Pamela Gordon, Sheffield's chief executive, said that no individual was at fault. She blamed the recession for the lack of sponsorship and the collapse of Universiade GB, the

company set up to run the games, for creating confusion among potential sponsors and individuals.

The cost of the games is one of the main causes of Sheffield's financial crisis, which has produced an overall deficit this year of £7.25 million, which could rise to £40 million in 1993. In an effort to meet lower spending targets, the council last week announced 1,000 job losses.

### Councils miss the mark

The standard of entries in the first Charter Mark awards for excellence in public services has been so poor that ministers have decided to award only 36 of the 50 trophics (Douglas Broom writes). At a ceremony in Whitehall today, John Major, the prime minister, will present awards to 14 local authorities and 22 public bodies. Charter Marks are the seal of approval for public bodies that meet standards set out in the citizen's charter. Mr Major is said to have been disappointed at the standard of the 296 entries. Among the winners is Wandsworth council, southwest London. Westminster council, Wandsworth's main rival as a flagship Tory council, failed to win a Charter Mark.

### Breakfast show debut

Channel 4's new early morning show, The Big Breakfast, came under fire from television critics and advertising agencies after its debut yesterday (Melinda Wittstock writes). They said its trendiness would appeal mainly to young teenagers who were unlikely to get up early enough to watch it. Bob Geldof, a notoriously late riser, stayed up all wight to attend the Tore bound. night to attend the 7am launch. Paula Yates, his wife and a presenter, said: "If people are fast asleep while we're on, that's just fine. People are bound to keep only half an eye on us and half an eye on their kids to stop them sticking breakfast into each other's ears." Official viewing figures will be available after two weeks. Review. L&T, page 3

### Malaria death ruling

The brother of the Liberal Democrat MP Simon Hughes died of natural causes, contributed to by lack of care after he contracted malaria, a coroner ruled yesterday. Richard Hughes, 57, a language teacher, died from the disease shortly after being seen by a doctor at his home in Durweston, Dorset. He is believed to have caught malaria on honeymoon in Kenya. His widow Jocelyn, 38, told an earlier hearing that a doctor said he had "nothing more" than flu. Nigel Neville-Jones. East Dorset coroner, said he accepted that malaria was difficult to diagnose, but Mr returned from Kenya and should have arranged a blood test.

### 3.9m jobless claim

Official unemployment figures may be underestimating the number of people out of work by more than a million, a report claims today. More than 30 changes to the way unemployment is measured have been made since 1979, reducing the official total. If the figures were compiled as they were in 1979, the official total of 2.8 million unemployed would rise to 3.9 million, the Child Poverty Action Group says. What to do about the poor, page 14

### Riverbus rescue hope

Emergency funding for the Riverbus, London's alling waterborne passenger service, will expire at midnight tomorrow (Michael Dynes writes). The company is confident negotiations on a new rescue package will be completed and announced later today before the dead Ohermie & West the service was thrown into doubt when Olympia & York, the Canary Wharf developer and former principal owner of the Riverbus, went into administrative receivership in May.

### Computers rejected

More than half of Britain's small businesses do not invest in personal computers, a survey by Mori, the pollsters, for IBM, personal computers. a survey by Mori, the polisters, for IBM, the computer company, showed yesterday. Despite the personal computers revolution of the eighties, many workers still do time-consuming administrative tasks manually. Six out of ten non-user small businesses say they will never buy a PC. Only 15 per cent plan to install a computer in the next five years. Small businesses in the North are much less likely to invest in PCs than in the South, where 66 per cent use computers, nearly twice the number in the Midleads. Only computers, nearly twice the number in the Midlands, Only 17 per cent of the public own a home computer and 78 per cent say they will not buy one in the future.

# Zoo chiefs to resign

The secretary of the Zoologi-cal Society of London, Sir Barry Cross (right) and its treasurer, Peter Holwell, have announced they intend to resign. The news comes as London Zoo faces a critical annual meeting tomorrow, with its future still in doubt. The meeting will consider a multi-million-pound rescue plan for the stricken facility, including proposals for a new aquarium and a cinema complex.



# 70 opera jobs to go

The Royal Opera House is to shed up to 70 jobs and cut the number of new productions to cope with a growing deficit, now standing at £3.6 million. Jeremy Isaacs. general director, has told Bectu, the union that represents more than half the 1,150 staff, that he has to turn the deficit into a £1 million profit in three years. Meetings are also to be held with Equity and the Musicians' Union. A wage freeze was imposed on all staff earlier this month.

### Russians sail on

The Russian couple who sailed 2,000 miles from St The Russian couple who sailed 2.000 miles from St Petersburg to Southampton in a leaking 24st yacht are to leave the port of Warsash. Hampshire, this morning after being denied political asylum. Aleksandr and Galina Grazhdankin, from Moscow, will sail to the Canary Islands and hope to continue to the West Indies or Australia. They are ineligible for asylum here because they should have are mengune not asymmetric occasion may should applied at Copenhagen, the first port they stopped at.

# Soldiers may be charged over Ulster shootings

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

SIX paratroops face criminal charges following disturbances involving nationalist youths in Northern Ireland after a colleague was blown up by the IRA.

A report of a police investigation into the incident at Coalisland in co. Tyrone has been sent to the Director of Public Prosecutions for Northem Ireland.

The Royal Ulster Constabulary began its inquiry after soldiers from the 3rd Battalion The Parachute Regiment allegedly went on the rampage in the strongly nationalist

The trouble began in May within hours of a young member of the regiment losing his legs when he stepped on an IRA mine near Cappagh. co. Tyrone.

It was alleged by councillors and local people that soon after the attack, members of 3rd Battalion burst into two bars in the centre of Coalisland, dragging people outside to beat them.

Three days after that incident, paratroops wounded three youths when they shot their way to freedom after being surrounded by an hostile crowd.

The soldiers had been searching for a machinegun seized in an earlier attack on an army patrol in the town. The commander of 3 Infantry Brigade in Northern Ireland was moved to another post three days after the

Meanwhile, a man the IRA claimed it had murdered for being a police spy was recovering in hospital yesterday after an operation to remove a bullet from his head. The IRA claimed it had "executed" the man, who lives in the Ardoyne area of north Belfast, for being an RUC special branch informer for 18 months.

But security sources said the man named in an IRA statement that included details of his alleged police handlers was under police guard in a Belfast hospital in a satisfactory condition

☐ A huge IRA bomb planted in the centre of Armagh was defused by the army yesterday.

The bomb, packed into a van,

contained between 600 and 1,000 lbs of explosives, police said. It had been left outside the court house. Thirty homes were evacuated for several hours while the army dealt with the device by carrying out a series of controlled explosions. Nobody was injured.

Last Friday the IRA at-tempted to bomb the court house in Newry on the co. Down border but only part of the device went off. The building is undergoing reconstruc-tion after an earlier bomb

Meanwhile, an incendiary bomb attached to a five-gallon drum of petrol was made safe close to the Bank of Ireland at Glengormley on the northern outskirts of Belfast. A telephone warning had been received by the security forces who arrived on the scene to discover the bomb had failed to function properly and had only partially gone off.

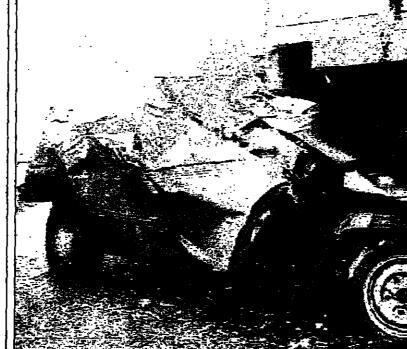
Three premises at Dundonald on the eastern outskirts of the city were damaged in petrol bomb attacks during the night. A solicitor's office and a craft shop-restaurant were set alight when windows were shattered and petrol bombs thrown inside. A housing executive office in the area suffered external scorch damage in a

third attack. ☐ The soldier who lost his legs in the Cappagh blast will marry his long-time sweetheart. Alistair Hodgson, 20, a private, was blown up by a terrorist's bomb operated by

remate control.

He lost one leg immediately and had the other removed in surgery. He was not expected to survive his injuries and his parents were flown to his hospital bedside in Northern Ireland. He had been in the regiment less than a year.

But he is recovering slowly from his injuries and will marry Rebecca Davis whom he met four years ago in the bank where she worked. The depth of feeling aroused by his injuries was shown when more than 2,000 soldiers took part in a fun run to raise £25,000 for him. The couple have not yet set a date for the



By PAUL WILKINSON

Fog fatality: a man was killed early yesterday as his Transit van, above, was wedged under a sheep lorry in one of two pile-ups within yards of each other on the fog-bound M18 in South Yorkshire. Twenty-three other people were

A second man was killed and eight others were hurt in three other accidents in fog across the North and North East. Police warned drivers to beware the onset of autumn driving conditions.

Fifty-four vehicles, including 15 lorries, were involved in the two crashes on the M18 at Bramley, near Rotherham, South Yorkshire. Police said that visibility was down to a few yards when the unnamed driver died. They accused northbound drivers of causing the second pile-up by

trying to watch rescuers at the first. Trevor Fortune, 25. of Powburn, Northumberland, died when his Ford

Fiesta collided with a Mercedes on the A697 near Powburn, James Grieg, 66, of Barnes, southwest London, has been charged with causing death by danger-

ous driving. Three people were taken to hospital in Pontefract, West Yorkshire, after a 30-vehicle crash on the M62. Five people were injured in a series of crashes on a six-mile stretch of the A19 in co. Durham. The southbound carriageway was closed for two hours.

# Tebbit confirms split

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

JOHN Major will leave behind him a Conservative party shaken by further rumblings over Europe when he flies to Paris tomorrow to meet President Mitterrand to gauge the likelihood of France and Germany setting up a power

bloc excluding Britain. Government officials insisted yesterday that there were no rifts in the Cabinet over the Maastricht treaty, but Lord Tebbit, the former party chairman, admitted there were divisions. He warned Mr Mafor that, if he pushed the Maastricht Bill through parliament, the Conservative party would be left "sore,

wounded and sad". There are powerful voices within the Cabinet who believe that the Maastricht treaty is fatally flawed, that it was a brave effort at the time. but that things have moved on," he said on BBC Radio 4's The World At One.

Advising Mr Major to reject

the treaty, he said: "The prime minister once observed to me on another issue that he was a great admirer of Brer Rabbit. who, he reminded me, when he did not know which way to go, hid under the cabbage

leaves until he did. "I think that the prime minister might find the cab-bage leaves useful for a short while. And, in a short while, it would become very clear that the right way to go is away from Maastricht."

His former Cabinet colleague, Lord Howe of Aberavon, retorted on the same programme that Lord Tebbit was the one living under the cabbage leaves. No party had ever had unanimity on the European issue. There has always been, and will always be. a minority hostile to it, but, equally, in all parties, a majority in favour."

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# Patten defies critics

By JOHN O'LEARY AND MATTHEW D'ANCONA

JOHN Patten, the education secretary, yesterday claimed widespread support for his education white paper, as the National Union of Teachers joined critics of his plans to encourage all schools to opt out of local authority control.

Mr Patten told a CBI conference that he expected 1,500 grant-maintained schools to be operating by April 1994. Local education authorities would have a "significant but changing role to play". One authority, understood to be Hillingdon in west London. had already asked to change

its structure. Measures in an education bill to be published in November would encourage schools to use up to 20 per cent of classroom time to specialise in technology or other subjects. They would also allow the government to take a lead in reducing surplus places in schools, making better use of

incapable of managing their building stock, contributing to a national surplus of 1.5 million places. We should have got to grips with this problem 20 or 30 years ago." Mr Patten said. "It is never popular to close schools, but I think it is morally wrong to waste these buildings which house surplus places."

had shown themselves to be

In a written response, the NUT called a the white paper a "charter for political interference" that will do nothing to enhance equality of opportunity in the classroom or teaching performance.

The union argues that the proposals will increase centralisation and reduce local accountability and are "a major constitutional misjudgment". It says "permanent administrative uncertainty" will ac-company the withering of the

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# BBC TV faces £20m cuts to avert deficit

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

BBC director-general, yester-day ordered a £20 million cut in television spending over the next six months to rectify a projected deficit caused by accounting errors.

Responding to disclosures in The Times yesterday that BBC Television was heading for an overspend this financial year of over £50 million which could jeopardise the quality of next autumn's schedules, the BBC admitted "flaws in the financial allocation process". but denied that programme budgets would suffer too

much from consequent cuts. However, last night one senior BBC television executive hardened the figure to £63 million, while several others again insisted that it was over £50 million. The BBC dismissed these claims as "nonsense" and "rubbish".

One senior source last night said the projected overspend depended on the accounting method used, and suggested

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The Morris Ring of England was founded in 1934 and not.

as reported on September 7,

40 years ago.

extent of the problem. Sir Michael has now told

television department heads to come up with £20 million in savings before the financial year-end next March. "This will enable the BBC to bring its overall budget back into balance," the BBC said.

Cost-cutting will hit pro-gramme-making as well as housekeeping. premises and capital investment, a BBC statement said. However, a BBC Television spokesman said programming "would be spared as far as possible".

Two weeks ago, the BBC announced 1,250 redundancies to redirect £120 million into programming over 18 months. Cuts are not expected to involve more job losses. The accounting muddle in-

volved duplication in allocation of programme budgets. Each departmental budget from drama to sport - is meant to cover BBC1 and BBC2, but accountants are said to have given the money

to both channel controllers. Yesterday, it was revealed that the BBC budgeted for cuts in costs of resources, such as studios, yet to be made. Comp-uter error has also contributed to the projected overspend.

## The Times expands in two new sections

THE Times is to expand its news, sports and arts coverage with a new two-section format from mid-October, Peter Stothard, the new editor, promised yesterday (Melinda Wittstock writes).

Increased use of colour and later deadlines would also help to increase The Times' accessibility and general apneal said Mr Stothard, who took over from Simon Jenkins as the newspaper's editor ten

Readers will see more news reports and analysis from home and abroad. There will also be more up-to-date arts reviews and features and a new sports service in the two expanded sections.

"My first aim is that the leadership of The Times in politics, business, arts criticism and sports reporting should be sharpened." Mr Stothard

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# hall blamed Cocaine ring smashed n zimes log in £7m seizure by international agencies

BY JOHN PHILLIPS AND BILL FROST

gether with DEA officers. They are being questioned at an undisclosed location and

The international drug

smuggling ring was said last night to bave links to Francesco Di Carlo, the so-called godfather of the British

Mafia, who was jailed for 25

years at the Central Criminal Court in 1987. Di Carlo and

three of his confederates were

convicted of smuggling heroin

and cannabis destined for

Canada with a street value of

The operation began in earnest on Friday with the arrest of four Sicilian business-

men in Palermo who drug

investigators knew had orga-

nised a 300kg shipment of cocaine from South America

to Europe. Undercover officers

filmed the consignment of

"frozen fish" being unloaded

before taking the men into

**James Bone** 

reports on

alliance

between Italy

and Colombia

en Triangle in Southeast Asia.

The Cuffireras are also alleged to have struck a deal with the

Colombian cartels to ex-

The first direct testimony

about the mafia's attempts to

of cocaine in Europe was

given in a hearing in Wash-

ington earlier this summer.

Joseph Cuffaro, a Sicilian who

began co-operating with the

authorities after his arrest in

1988, told how he had arranged a wholesale pur-chase of cocaine for the Sicil-

Cuffaro testified that he

Francesco Madonia, the re-

puted chieftain of the Palermo

mafia, had given him permis-

sion to negotiate a 600-kilo-gram cocaine shipment from Colombia to Sicily for distribu-

Italian prosecutors hope

tion throughout Europe.

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How drug barons

carved up the world

further arrests are possible.

ONE of the world's largest and perhaps most successful drug smuggling networks has allegedly been smashed in an international operation involving Britain and four other

MEMS IN BARE

the test show dele

More than 200 suspects have been taken into custody in four countries and a substantial amount of money has been recovered from a lock-up garage in southeast London. Customs investigators seized cocaine worth an estimated £7 million. Two men were also arrested in Victoria, central

Italian police, who planned "Operation Green Ice" in collaboration with the US Drug Enforcement Agency, said yesterday that they had broken an alliance between the Mafia and Colombian traffickers intent on flooding Europe with cocaine and laundering the illicit profits. Thirty-four people were arrested in Italy, including two "king-pins" in the so-called Medellin cartel and several leading Mafia family members.

In the United States, 167 people were arrested, including a senior executive with Colombia's national bank. A DEA spokesman said yesterday: "We have got the big players, but there are still a few small fish to net. You can bank on a few more arrests to

The two men arrested in

BEFORE he was blown up by

the mafia in May, the crusad-

ing judge Giovanni Falcone

warned that the Sicilian Cosa

Nostra was forging an unholy alliance with the Colombian

The Italian mafia was offer-

ing to trade its huge surplus of

heroin from the opium pop-pies of the Middle East and Asia for the Colombians' plen-

tiful supply of South American cocaine. The mafia would

then distribute cocaine in

Europe, where it commands a

higher price than in the satu-

rated American market, and

the Colombians would sell

heroin in the United States.

Although the link between

the mafia and cocaine cartels

had long been suspected, it

was only confirmed in the late

1980s. One of the first to warn

of the threat was the investiga-

her 1990 book The Octopus:

The Long Reach of the Inter-

The hub of the international

trade is believed to be a mafia

chieftain in Caracas, Venezue-

la, called Pasquale Cuntrera.

Identified by Ms Sterling.

Cuntrera has since been in-

dicted in absentia in the

United States for conspiracy to smuggle heroin to the Ameri-

can market. An official at the

Venezuelan embassy in Wash-

ington said that Cuntrera was

extradited this month to face

the Cuntrera clan had sup-

plied as much as half the

heroin in the United States

from their source in the Gold-

Drug agents estimate that

mal in Italy.

national Sicilian Mafia.

tive reporter Claire Sterling in

Americans, were custody and confiscating the picked up on Friday by cus-toms investigators working to-

In addition to the arrests in Europe and the United States, most of them made last week. three men were taken into custody in Costa Rica. Police said a substantial amount of cash had also been recovered.

Nicola Mancino, Italy's interior minister, said yesterday: This operation strikes the strongest organisation of its kind in the world. Its connections with the mafia are beyond doubt."

The cocaine smugglers were said to have worked out a "fail-safe" method of exporting the drug. Working out of Venezu-ela, the Malia shipped massive consignments to destina-

tions in Europe.
The organisation used intricate methods, including "safe" bank accounts in Austria, Switzerland and the US, a network of couriers and a small fleet of cargo ships. Ostensibly bona fide companies were used to smuggle the drugs from South America and launder the proceeds.

Among those arrested in Italy during Green Ice was Jose "Tony the Pope" Duran. He was described by Italian police yesterday as "the most important distributor of cocaine in the world for the Colombian cartels".

Mr Duran, 38, alleged to be head of the Pereira cartel, was taken into custody at a bar close to the Spanish Steps in Rome last week. Also arrested was Pedro Felipe Villaquiran. The two had arrived in Rome together and Mr Duran was thought to have been going to introduce Villaquiran to his Mafia contacts.

DEA investigators last night confirmed they were questioning Rodrigo Polonoa. a senior executive in the import-export department of Colombia's national bank. He was arrested in San Diego.

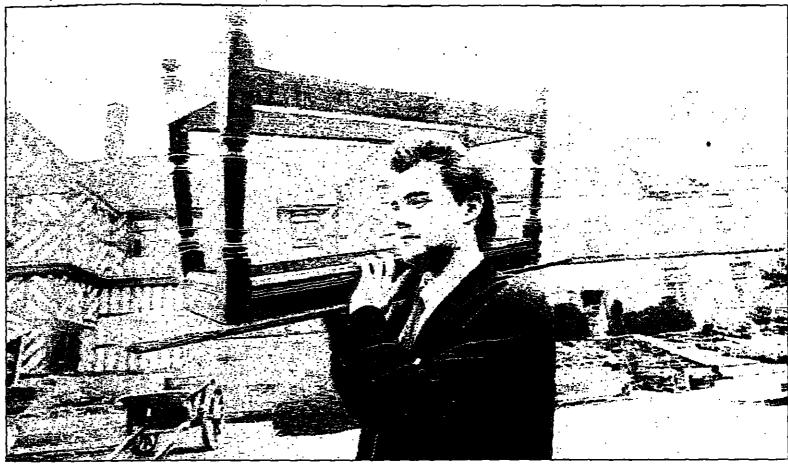
According to Italian officials Mr Polonoa was involved in money laundering. He allegedly had links to the Colombian secret service and served as his country's representative on a number of international anti-drug commissions.

Allesandro Pansa, a senior Italian police officer in the squad set up to combat day: "We have completely destroyed this network."

Mr Allesandro revealed that \$9 million (£5.26 million) in cash had already been seized as well as securities, jewels and property worth millions more. Five companies involved in trafficking or laundering had been shut down, among them a wine export business in Corleone, the small Sicilian hill town which was home to

the fictional godfather. Peter Secchia, the US ambassador to Italy, yesterday warned drug traffickers: We are watching and we are succeeding — so you had better be careful.

Cuffaro's testimony will help ☐ Britain vesterday became to bring Madonia and his son the first country to ratify a Antonio to justice. But the European accord on fighting Madonia dan is notoriously violent. When Judge Falcone was murdered. Italian newsthe laundering of money from criminal activities such as papers received an anonydrug trafficking. The accord. mous call that the killing was a which has been signed by 20 wedding gift" for another countries, will come into effect Madonia son who had just after being ratified by three



Robert Holden, agent for the vendor. He was referring to

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Fund.

Taking it away: buyers were almost apologetic about helping break up a grade I listed timber-framed home

# driver, 83, killed two

of Newton, Chester, was said to have used his 17ton lorry to intimidate other road users.

was told he had a casual job driving lorries despite his age, but was not licensed to drive the tipper truck and was break-

the death of Michelle Colley, 20, a student of Longton, Stoke-on-Trent, and Paul Sculpher, 44, of Tonbridge, Kent, by reckless driving. The crash happened on the A41 Chester to Whitchurch road at Handley on November 28 last

ordered that he should drive again.

He had been "tailgating" a vehicle and pulled out to overtake in a grossly dangerous place in a large lorry which gave no chance to people in cars.

# Lorry

A LORRY driver aged 83 was jailed for a year yesterday for killing two people when he overtook at the brow of a hill on a bend, hitting two cars

and causing a pile-up.

Joseph William Parry

Mold Crown Court ing the speed limit when the accident happened. He admitted causing

Parry was given a twoyear prison sentence, half of it suspended. Judge Daniel banned him from driving for six years and re-sit a test if he wants to

Parry's reckless and impatient driving was not a momentary lanse because he he had been using the vehicle as an "instrument of bullying" other road users for a considerable distance, said the judge.

The judge said he had taken Parry's age into account and his good. character and 60 years of driving without convictions. But prison was inevitable and no sentence could make up for the loss to two families, the judge said.

# Pitchford ghosts go under hammer

IN THE Andy Warhol sale the cookie jars went through the roof. At the Asil Nadir auction it was scatter cushions from the collector's office. At Pitchford Hall, Shropshire. yesterday it was the turn of copper kitchenware, as buyers fought to pay up to seven times the estimate A single kettle fetched £570

while two small saucepans estimated at £200 put their buyers back £750. The Pitchford Hall batterie de cuisine, as Christie's called it, provided the sparkle in an otherwise subdued auction. Although the sale went well from the start because of the quality of the goods and their connections with the 500year-old hall, buyers were almost apologetic at contrib-uting to the break-up of an outstanding timber-framed building. After surviving so long, the listed house is the victim of an impetuous gam-

ble on the late twentiethcentury reinsurance market. contents, worth about £1.5 "It is quite different from million. But David Mellor. the normal country house the heritage minister who

Pots and pans put the sparkle into an auction at the Shropshire hall, reports Sarah Jane Checkland resigned last week, quashed died or just inherited," said

trous losses at Lloyd's. Caroline Colthurst, the house's owner, had tried hard to save her home for the nation. Mr Holden had come up with a rescue package last month after urgent negotiations with the new English

Stevens, and Lord Rothschild. ber of family paintings and the new chairman of the National Heritage Memorial English Heritage would take over the care and custody of the house pending a longer-term solution, while the heritage fund paid for the

the plan on the grounds that the funds could be better used. "It is a Grade I listed building and will be very fully protected, whoever owns it." Mrs Colthurst has now

scaped to Mexico and, Mr Holden, says: "She is exhausted, having had her hopes raised and dashed so many On Sunday night the agent managed to withdraw a num-

maps of the estate in order to negotiate possible sales to museums in lieu of tax. The auction was also interrupted by many last-minute withdrawals as Mr and Mrs Colthurst decided to keep some of their possessions for their new home in a cottage

Best sellers were items with historic associations. Someone paid £240 for a paperclip "most probably the property of the fifth Earl of Roseberry". as the catalogue said. Dermott Chichester, the auctioneer, said this could be a record for a paperclip. A postbag in which Lord Liverpool had his letters delivered for £1,100 (estimate £400-600). Partridge Fine Art of Bond Street spent £38,000 (estimate £6,000-8,000) on a distinctly distressed Regency dining table, enhanced by a

used for Cabinet, given after his death to Lord Roseberry. Tonight Mr Holden will ring Mrs Colthurst in Mexico and tell her that, considering the recession, the sale is going very well. After the auction it will be the turn of the empty shell. For sale, at Knight Frank & Rutley: one Elizabeth manor house complete with

unknown quantity of ghosts.

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# Clubland chef left after clash

BY ROBIN YOUNG

A CHEF who prepared Prince Charles's stag night dinner was driven out of a London dub's kitchens when his new hose criticised his cooking and changed the menus, an industrial tribunal was told yester-The calm of White's Club in

St James's, where many MPs are members, was riven by arguments about tinned and fresh vegetables and the right way to make Scotch woodcock.

Stephen Harris, 44, who had worked at the club for 22 years, lasted only three days under the culinary command of Sean Thompson, the new head chel, before picking up his apron and walking out. Mr Thompson was consid-

ered a catch by the club. because he had trained at the Savoy Hotel and worked with Anton Mosimann. But Mr Harris said Mr Thompson stirred up trouble in the kitchens and had accused him of stealing the best cuts of meat. Mr Harris, of Poplar, east London, is claiming construc-

tive dismissal from his £256-aweek job. The case continues.

# Second ban hits Highlands

By Kerry Gill

THE wholesome world of Highland games, where cheating was once as unthinkable as the refusal of a dram, has been darkened by the second heavyweight champion to be banned within two months for failing a drugs test. Yesterday the Scottish

Games Association announced that Matt Sandford, 22. the reigning Scottish heavyweight champion, had been suspended for six months after testing positive for the anabolic steroid testosterone at the Crieff Highland Gathering in Tayside on Au-

Sandford, an Australian. was examined for drugs on the same day that the association announced a similar ban on Joe Quigley, also Australian, who was found to have taken the drug Clenbuterol at the games in Balloch, near Loch Lomond, in July. Both men have appealed against their suspensions but, if the bans are upheld, they will be stripped of their titles and asked to return the prize

Sandford, who was told of the ban last week after returning to Australia, broke three national records at the Crieff games. He won five heavyweight events and was placed

on on the agenda, adding and Mike Oxlade, 47. Knight



Quigley: banned in July after drug test

first overall. The heavyweight class encompasses events such as tossing the caber, the shot putt and throwing the

Games organisers will be privately relieved that no Scotsman has ever been found to have taken drugs. The only other person to have been banned was Tjalling van den Bosch, a Dutchman, barred for life for using anabolic steroids. But the cloud of scandal has besmirched an ancient sport in which the participants were held up as

icons of the glens. Scottish Highland games usually begin in July and continue until the end of September. Those on the association circuit, in which cham-

to, Oreg Morgan, 47

day, number between 20 and 25, although many smaller villages now have their own games. The best-known is the Braemar event, which attracts about 15,000 people, largely because of the royal presence. Others attract an average of between 2,000 and 3,000. The suspensions apply only

in Britain because there is no international federation for Highland games. Despite the ban here. Sandford and Quigley, the world and British heavyweight champion, will be able to take part in Highland games in the United States, Australia and Canada, for example. The men can also perform in gatherings in Scotland that are not under the association's umbrella.

A well-known performer can earn up to £3,000 in a season. Many look on the games as a pleasant way to spend the summer, travelling across the Highlands while earning extra money. Hospitality is an added attraction.

Brian Porteus, the association's operations director, said: "Performance enhancing drugs have no place in sport and this council will continue its fight to catch those who use them in all sports. Drug-taking is not only against the rules, it

tors, Cromer roundly declared that Parliament and govern-CAROL LEONARD | ment shared responsibility

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# **Blacks and Asians worst** hit by heart disease deaths

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE poor health of Britain's ethnic minorities is to be targeted by the government in an attempt to reduce the number of deaths from heart disease and strokes, and the high incidence of tuberculosis and mental illness among black and Asian communities. Deaths from heart disease

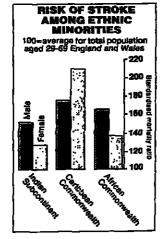
are 36 per cent higher among Asian men and 46 per cent higher among Asian women than among the general popu-lation. Strokes kill 76 per cent more Afro-Caribbean men than the average and more than twice as many Afro-Caribbean women, according to the annual report of the chief medical officer. Kenneth Calman, published yesterday.

Virginia Bottomley, health secretary, said that she was arranging meetings between NHS managers and ethnic group leaders to take action.
"It is clear this section of the population does have some particular health needs," she said. "I want the NHS to be more precisely tuned in to these needs."

Dr Calman, presenting his first annual report, said that

poverty was only one factor in the poorer health of ethnic minorities. Cultural and ethnic factors also played their part. Schizophrenia is three to six times more common among Afro-Caribbeans living in England than among those in Jamaica. The report says that the illness may be triggered by stress caused by

racism and unemployment Asians are less likley than the average to be admitted to



This may be because they are more reluctant to seek help for mental health problems, the The high rate of heart disease and strokes cannot be

explained in terms of the conventional risk factors of cholesterol, smoking and high blood pressure, it says. Smoking among most ethnic groups is well below that in the white population. But the high rate of diabetes, twice that in the general population, may provide a clue. The report says there is evidence that Asians are more prone to a physiological disturbance causing insu-lin resistance which can lead to coronary heart disease and diabetes.

GPs with psychiatric illness.

Tuberculosis is 25 times more common among Asians than the white population. Although the disease is declin-ing, the decline has been slower among Asians. In the first six months of 1988, 40 per cent of patients notified with tuberculosis were of

Black and Asian mothers

are at higher risk of having hospital or to consult their malformed babies. However, cot deaths are more than twice as likely to occur among the babies of UK-born mothers than among those who are Asian-born.

Dr Calman said that there was increasing recognition of the need to "eliminate discrimination within the NHS". Ethnic minorities may have missed out on services because they were inappropriate or insensitive, or not targeted properly, he said. "We need to involve ethnic communities in helping us decide what is most appropriate."

☐ HIV-positive tests among

homosexual men fell 10 per cent last year, the report says. The number of Aids cases among homosexual men remained stable after a sharp rise the previous year. This did not mean that the Aids epidemic was nearing its peak, Dr Calman said. Evidence of an increase in rectal gonorrhoea among men suggested that the rate of HIV transmission may still be increasing.

On the State of the Public Health 1991; HMSO, £14.50



Family first: Lynn Redgrave (right) and her daughter Kelly Clark, 22, began filming yesterday for "Calling the Shots", a BBC media mini-series to be shown early next year. It is the first time they have filmed together

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## Charity trustees ʻin dark'

BY RUTH GLEDHILL

ALMOST two thirds of charity trustees in Eng-land and Wales are unaware that they are trustees and could be financially liable if their organisation became bankrupt, according to a report published today by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations.

Fewer than half receive information about their organisation's role and their responsibilities as trustees, and fewer than a fifth are given training. the report, On Trust.

says.

Tim Dartington, the council's head of management development. "Trustees sometimes do not recognise they are trustees because they might see themselves as committee

of a board. "If the charity went bankrupt and the trustees had not taken proper care and attention, they might find themselves financially liable. If chari-table funds were being used for non-charitable purposes, they could be required to refund that

The council is calling for comprehensive training so that trustees may better understand the legal and financial framework in which charities

> Winifred Tumim. L&T section, page 10

## **Brothers** Roux in the soup

By ROBIN YOUNG

THE new edition of the Good Food Guide, published today, drops the Roux brothers' restaurants back in the soup. The Rouxs' Le Gavroche in Mayfair, London, and Waterside Inn at Bray in Berkshire are the only two restaurants in Britain awarded three stars by Michelin.

A couple of years ago Le Gavroche was triumphantly acquitted of having a flyinfested, unclean kitchen. Now the Waterside stands accused of serving meals that are not up to snuff for a top-

rated restaurant. Last year the Waterside. where a three-course meal can cost up to £80, was given a Good Food Guide rat four out of five, described as representing "excellent cooking". This year the rating drops to 3\*, which means "very good cooking", though a "particularly fine example" in that lower category. That means the restaurant is no longer included in the book's list of "top-rated restaurants". confined to those thought

worthy of scores of 4 or 5. The Waterside is run by Michel Roux, the more suave and romantic of the television cooking duo, whose books on cooking have been best-sellers. The text of the Waterside's entry in the new edition of the guide, edited by Tom Jaine, comments: This is a restaurant that aspires to the highest,

but often does not meet it." Le Gavroche, run by Albert Roux and his son Michel junior, is among three restau-rants which retain the Guide's top rating of five.

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# Radio 4 fans threaten long wave of protest

By Julia Llewellyn Smith

RADIO 4 listeners are threatening "militant action", in-cluding a ritual destruction of television licences and an occupation of Broadcasting eject the station from its longwave frequency, depriving many listeners of programmes such as The Archers and

Woman's Hour. Campaigners are angry at corporation proposals to put a 24-hour news service on Radio 4's long-wave frequency. Radio 4 will then be available only on FM, which is poor or unavailable in some parts of the country. Nick MacKinnon, the campaign organiser, said: "We are planning a day of action for next week when we shall cut up our television licences and send

them to Broadcasting House." The group plans a protest march, ending with a sit-in ar Broadcasting House, in central London. It is demanding the resignation of Marma-duke Hussey, chairman of the BBC's board of governors. "Mr Hussey's job is to ascer-tain what the public interest is," Mr MacKinnon said. The man has failed in this matter and will fail in other matters. We want him to go, whether they take off Radio 4

Mr MacKinnon, 29, a mathematics teacher from Winchester. Hampshire, opened hostilities in a letter read out on Radio 4's Feedback programme on Friday. Since then he has received nearly a thousand letters of

Support.

"Many are suggesting far more violent tactics than mine," he said. "It's not surprising — they are being given a life sentence by being deprived of Radio 4. They are going to have silence for the

rest of their lives." Among the complainants are several prisoners, who are not allowed to listen to FM radio in case they monitor police broadcasts. Other protesters include sailors and lorry drivers, who will be unable to pick up Radio 4 on the Continent. Campaigns have also started among more than 500,000 Radio 4 listeners in Iteland, France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and

Šcandanavia. The BBC said yesterday that the decision was unlikely to be reversed. Sandra Chalmers, of Radio 4, said that fears were exaggerated. "I think most of them could pick up the service on FM if they tried. You just need to tune your set a bit

She said that 96 per cent of Radio 4's eight million listen ers could receive FM, and the figure should rise to 98 per cent by 1994. She was not sympathetic to listeners abroad: "They don't pay a

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# **Lord Taylor** warns new jailing rules may backfire

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

Taylor of Gosforth, will warn judges this week that unless they take steps to cut the lengths of sentences, the new provisions of the Criminal Justice Act 1991 will backfire and lead to a large increase rather than a fall in the prison population.

His advice, to be issued in a practice direction on Thursday when the act comes into force. is the clearest sign yet of the uncertainty within the criminal justice system over whether it will work.

The act creates a new statutory sentencing framework founded on the twin principles of a shift away from custody for minor offenders and longer, tougher sentences for violent and sexual offenders. The hope is that a spin-off will be a



Farquharson: new attitude is needed

reduction in the prison population. The big question is whether judges will go along

with the new principles.
Yesterday Lord Justice
Farquharson, who chairs the Judicial Studies Board, said concern about the impact on the prison population was "causing greatest anxiety".

"It would be tragic if, as a result of this act, the prison population went up when the whole purpose and thrust is to reduce it, and that is what the judges' approach will be."

He said that the act required a "change in attitude". Until now, sentences have borne present, offenders with remission may be released on parole

THE Lord Chief Justice. Lord after serving a third of their Taylor of Gosforth, will warn sentence. But judges and offenders have not known the date of release.

Under the act, it would be clear both to judges and offenders how long they must serve. Offenders may be released halfway through the sentence but would be liable to recall for the rest if they reoffended. Unless judges took into account the longer period offenders will serve and adjust their sentences accordingly", the prison population would rise, Lord Justice Farquharson said yesterday. "Judges must be careful not to increase the length of sen-tences because of these provi-

He said that the Court of Appeal had a vital role in ensuring the purpose of the act was met. Lord Taylor's practice direction was aimed at ensuring judges had regard to the consequences of their sen-tencing so that "they don't pass longer sentences, or rather that the effect of what they do has the effect of passing longer sentences under the

provisions of the new act". Government officials have calculated that parole changes could increase the prison population by 1,400. But they are estimating a net cut in the population of 3.500 by 1995 through fewer offenders being sent to custody.

Lord Justice Farquharson.

and Mr Justice Judge, who chairs the Judicial Studies Board's criminal committee, both emphasised that judges had no problems with the aims of the act: they had always tried their best to keep offenders out of custody where possible. The act further developed that philosophy, only with more "stringent" conditions. "They are very committed to it." But some judges were anxious about the wording of the act, and there could be inconsistencies in the first few months over interpretation of unclear wording. However, he said it would not



Paws for thought: David Appleby. 2 pet behavioural counsellor, treating a patient at the Scarsdale veterinary clinic in Derby. He examines animals' backgrounds in an effort to find the root of their bad behaviour (Julia

Llewellyn Smith writes). Mr Appleby also offers free 90minute sessions at the RSPCA's psychological clinic in Leicester, which has treated more than a hundred pets since it opened earlier this month. Mr Appleby, a visiting counsellor at the Cambridge University vet school, discusses the animals' upbringing with their owners. Cases have included a

THE most senior judges who

deal with criminal cases, those

in the Court of Appeal, will

have a training session this

week on the new sentencing

provisions of the Criminal

The move is the last in what

has been one of the biggest

training exercises for the judi-

ciary in England and Wales

More than 500 circuit

judges, recorders and assistant

recorders have each attended

Justice Act 1991.

for any legislation.

What Nai West Knows

about starting up a business

would fill a book.

# Pets are put on the couch

dog that slept on its owners' bed and going on holiday by howling every

time it was left alone.
"It's a question of looking into the said. "For example, a cat that is because it is insecure. To cure this we would maybe make its cat flap

Appeal judges given training

By Frances Gibb and Richard Ford

the philosophy of the act,

which creates the first statutory

framework for sentencing.

☐ Short-term prisoners to serve at least half sentence.

☐ More use of punishment in

☐ Combination order com-

bines probation and unpaid

□ Unpaid fines can be de-

☐ Parental responsibility:

work in the community.

☐ Means-related fines.

ducted from social security

The key points include:

the community.

at least one training session on power to bind over parents to

smaller, so it felt more secure and safe. We have to gradually rebuild its confidence.

The RSPCA has introduced the counselling, which includes follow-up telephone advice, to save difficult animals from being put down. Difficulty with behaviour is the main

reason for dogs under two being destroyed. One in five British dogs is estimated to have behavioural

Mr Appleby said that not all badlybrought-up dogs would show it. "You can do all the wrong things with pets and get away with it, but sometimes some will be affected. It's embarrassing if your dog misbehaves when friends come round."

The RSPCA said: "I know the thought of a dog lying on a couch. describing its dreams, sounds ridiculous, but this really is invaluable help for so many of them.

Commission

complains

targets are

unrealistic,

Douglas

**Broom** says

draft plan for the Isle of

I cannot see how it can

"We have made represen-

tations to ministers but they

just don't seem to be listen-

ing. We have told them the

difficulties but they seem to

think we can just get on

Other commissioners

have told The Times that

they are unable to begin

work in full and have been

holding meetings with indi-

vidual councils while unable

to do more than take notes

of the conversations and

O ne commissioner said:
We have no staff of

our own to process submis-

sions when they come in.

We are dependent on sec-onded civil servants who,

although they are very

good, might be gone in a

Work was due to begin

yesterday on reviews of

Cleveland, Durham, Hum-

berside, North Yorkshire

and Lincolnshire but coun-

cils in the areas say they

have been told to write in

with their ideas. In order to

begin work in Derbyshire,

in Ernst & Young's man-

agement consultancy to car-

commission's spokesman,

who is on secondment from

the agriculture ministry,

said he was confident the

commission could stick to

the government's timetable.

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month's time."

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possibly be done.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

# Wheelchair woman murdered

A disabled woman in a wheel-chair was found battered to death in her sheltered flat at Long Lawford, Warwickshire,

Neighbours said Rosemarie Smith, 52, had a leg in plaster and would have been unable to reach a panic alarm in the

A home help found her lying in a pool of blood near her telephone.

### Sex calls denied

A £40,000 a year accountant dialled 0898 sex lines on office phones and used a company credit card to buy personal items, a Chelsea industrial tribunal was told yesterday.

Brian Williams, 50, of East Molesey, Surrey, claims that Chugoku Marine Paint of Westminster made the allegations to avoid paying redundancy. He claims unfair dismissal and unpaid over-time. The hearing continues.

### Case settled

A former appeal court judge. Lord Brightman has settled a legal action he brought against Royal Hampshire County Hospital in Winches-ter. The dispute followed complaints he made about treatment when he was a

### Juice cleared

Ten cases against the supermarket chain Sainsbury's were dropped at Wells Street magistrates' court, London, yesterday. The firm had been accused of mislabelling cartons of treated orange juice as pure juice, but the agriculture ministry halted proceedings when a similar case failed.

### 1,000 helpers

Nearly 1,000 people have contacted police hunting the man who raped an eight-year-old girl near Basildon, Essex, last week. Police said they were following up all information and lowing up all information and hoped soon to issue a photo-fit picture of the attacker.

### Trout taken

Barbed wire fences and secpoachers who took 8,000 trout from fish farms at Wansford,

### Toy siege

Police wearing bullet proof vests mounted an armed siege after a 14-year-old boy chased his mother with a toy pistol yesterday. Neighbours at Chippenham, Wilshire, failed to recognise Frankie Cavacuiti and police feared he was a real gunman.

### Hunger strike

Women inmates at Bullwood Hall open prison in Hockley. Essex, have started a hunger strike over conditions. The Home Office confirmed that 28 refused to eat breakfast

### Rider fined

International three-day event rider Mark Todd, who runs Andrew Lloyd Webber's equestrian centre at Watership Down, was fined £100 at Andover. Hampshire, yesterday for driving a horsebox with an insecure load. He pleaded

### Knife rape

A 31-year-old woman was raped at knife point in a car after she hitched a ride in east London early yesterday.

### Cemetery attack

Five skinheads attacked a 20year-old woman in a graveyard at Darlington, co. Durham, at the weekend.

### bit them every time they turned over. and another that prevented its owners

animal's history to see when the problem developed," Mr Appleby spraying everywhere may be doing so

"A dog that is allowed to sit in its owner's lap or keep a toy after play may think it is a dominant dog and has a right to be aggressive."

# Ministers blamed for council reform delays

The first new councils to L be created in England for two decades are likely to start work a year later than planned because the local government review ordered by ministers has still not begun, two months after its

official launch. Some of the 12 commissioners appointed by the government to carry out the isters for insisting on launching the review in August without allowing time to recruit the staff to carry it out. Although work on the comprehensive redrawing of local government structures was supposed to begin on August 3,

the commission, chaired by Sir John Banham, still has only nine staff, all seconded from the civil service.

Martin Easteal, its chief executive, is not due to start work until Thursday and the commission admits that it will be November before most of the 45 staff it says it needs to carry out the review have been recruited. Commissioners say that, without staff to begin work, the government's timetable for completing the review of England, excluding London and the metropolitan areas, within five years

will be impossible.

Draft plans for the future of the Isle of Wight, the first area to be reviewed, are due to be published before Christmas with the final plan due next April. John Redwood, the local government minister, who set the commission's timetable in July, has said he expects the first local authority created by the review to start work in

One commissioner said: "There is now very little chance of that deadline being achieved. The timetable is frankly too tight. We are supposed to produce our

# £220m plan unveiled for

control their children.

☐ Youth Courts: juvenile court replaced, age limit raised

☐ Idea that young children cannot be credible witnesses

abolished. Video-taped evi-

☐ Maximum penalty for non-domestic burglary cut from 14

☐ Parole Board rather than

home secretary to decide of

release of those serving discre-

tionary life sentences.

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dence from children to be

By RONALD FAUX

whether or not Manchester is awarded the games and is the central feature of the Victoria station regeneration. It covers

a key component in the city's bid to hold the Olympic Games in 2000, were pub-

At 650ft, the tower will dominate the entrance to the city from the northeast and rank among the tallest buildings in the region. The distinctive architecture of the Victoria station will be retained in the planning application submitted by Vector Investments and the British Railways Board.

# Games arena

PLANS for a £220 million arena for central Manchester, lished yesterday.

The project will go ahead

a multi-purpose indoor sports arena, seating up to 16,400, with a 46-storey "crystal" tow-er incorporating office accom-modation and five-star hotel.

The arena has been ear-

marked as the venue for the Olympic gymnastic competitions but will be used for other international sport and leisure activities, including ice events, basketball and hockey. The complex will be served by British Rail and Metrolink

# 'Sexist' farmers dig in

BY DAVID YOUNG

ette" has never caught on. There is no record of any pub offering farmerette lunches and folk singers never break into rousing renditions of "I am a jolly farmerette and I

plough the fields all day". However, the Irish National Ploughing Association is determined to continue using the term, which it has employed for the past 40 years to describe female farm workers. even if it has incurred the wrath of Ireland's Council for the Status of Women.

The country's biggest agricultural show has been accused of sexism for sticking to the description. The organisers of the national ploughing championships have received a formal protest from feminist organisations for continuing

AS A job description, "farmer- an annual contest for Ireland's top ploughwoman as

Carmel Foley, chief executive of the women's council, called the offending word "belittling, sexist, outmoded and outdated", and said that it did not reflect the role of women in farming.

The protest seems unlikely to succeed. Anna McHugh, Irish National Ploughing Association managing director, said: "We have no intention of changing the name of the competition." Who coined the word for the entry forms in the early 1950s has been long forgotten. The winner will take the title Queen of the Plough, a crystal glass trophy and £150. Until 10 years ago, she received an extra £100 on her wedding day if she mar-

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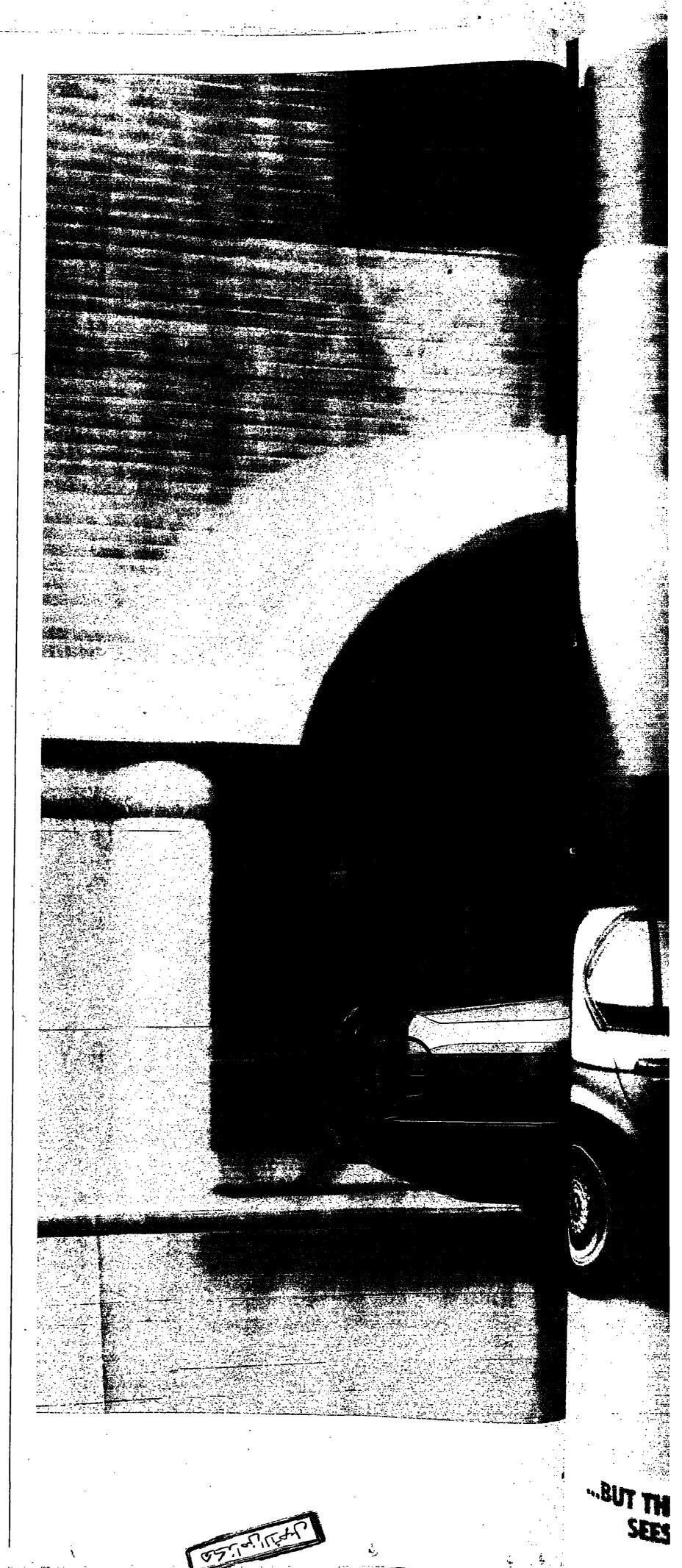
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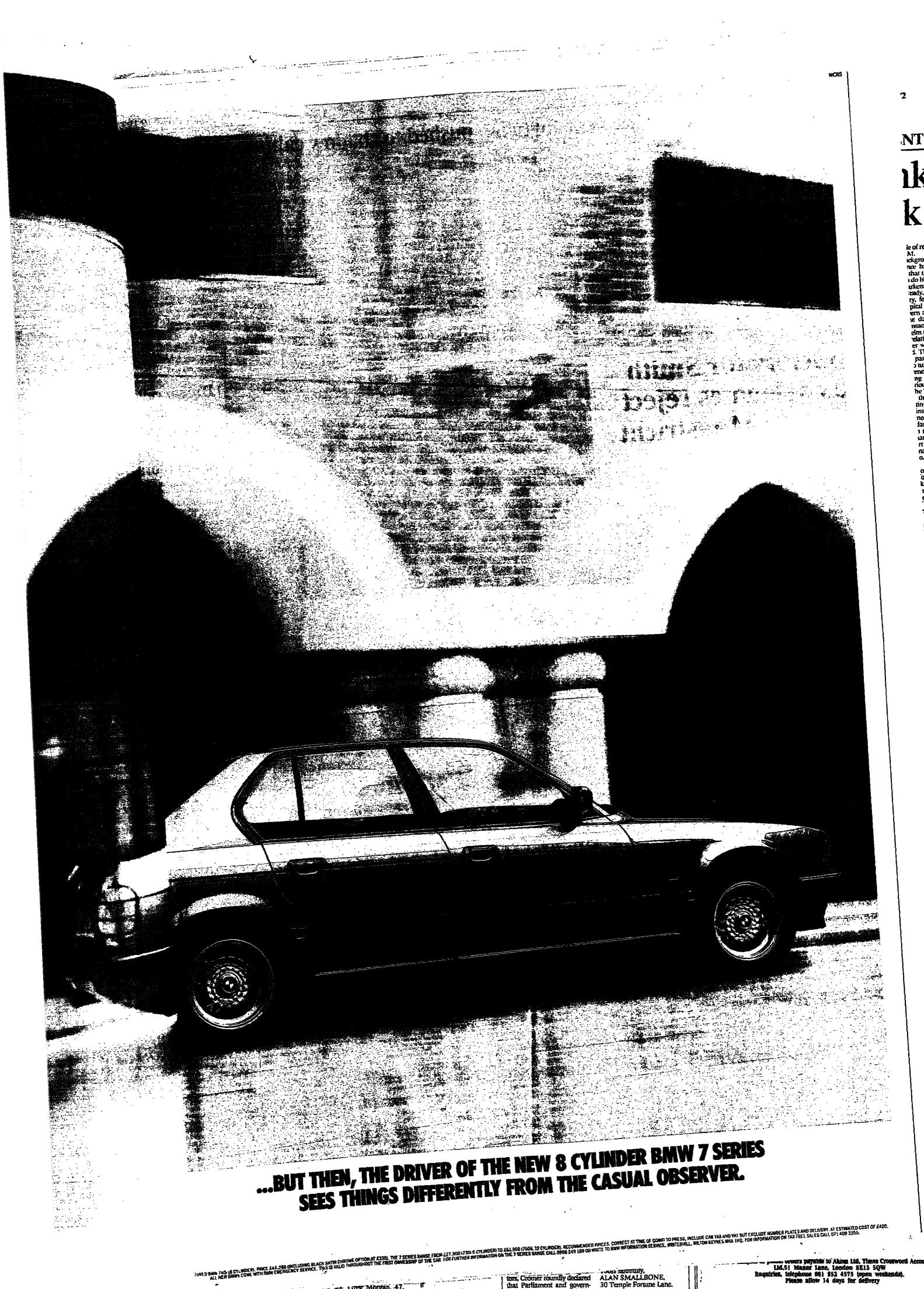
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# Gould jumps after five years of being pushed to shadow cabinet margins



Gould: found it hard to

abour's pre-conference national executive meeting on Sunday ended uncomfortably early for Bryan Gould. Rather than dragging on as usual well into the afternoon, it broke up at about 1pm, two hours before Mr Gould was due to appear at a Winter Gardens fringe meeting.

Mr Gould had written his resignation speech the day before and had intended to go straight from the NEC to the meeting and announce that he was leaving the shadow cabinet. Out of courtesy he had planned to tell John Smith as he left the NEC.

The hiatus left him with a dilemma. From the moment he decided to go last Wednesday, Mr Gould was determined to resign on his own terms. Telling Mr Smith at Ipm would have meant the news getting out before Mr Gould was ready. He wanted to jump, not to

Mr Smith casually approached Mr Gould at the end of the NEC meeting and asked about his speaking intentions. "I'm not

Philip Webster and Peter Riddell trace the decline and fall of Bryan Gould, from a high point after the 1987 election

going to have to sack you, am I Bryan?" he asked. Feeling rather embarrassed Mr Gould replied: No. you won't have to sack me."

It was the truth, but Mr Gould did not feel good about withhold-ing the whole story. Tony Benn guessed what was in the air when Mr Gould told him he would soon have something of "personal significance" to say.

Mr Gould went to his hotel

room, wrote a letter to Mr Smith. and came down to the foyer to post it as he left for the Winter Gardens. A few eagle eyes had seen the envelope; the word inevitably reached Mr Smith. As Mr Gould prepared to speak, a Smith aide. Mike Elrick, appeared with his reply. By the time Mr Gould got to his feet the news had broken. The possibility of resignation had

been at the back of Mr Gould's mind since July's leadership election, when his objections to Labour's economic and European policies were laid bare. Tenaciously independent, he was always going to find it hard to keep his doubts to himself. The prospect may have been behind his decision to turn down Mr Smith's offer of the education and health portfolios after the shadow cabinet elections.

M r Gould hoped he might be accommodated at last Wednesday's meetings of the national executive and shadow cabinet, after which Mr Smith had said he would insist on collective responsibility. It could have been a facesaver, a referendum did not appear to be ruled out for all time. Unfortunately for Mr Gould, at the

NEC his allies moved an amendmer: stating that the "door should be left open" for a British referendant. It was crushed, leaving Mr Gould without a figleaf.
The die was cast for Mr Gould at

the lengthy shadow cabinet discussion which followed. Mr Gould was by no means on his own. David Blunkett, Michael Meacher, Jack Straw. Chris Smith and Doug Hoyle, chairman of the Parliamentary Labour Party, joined him in the camp wanting to keep a referendum option. Derek Foster. the chief whip, is also reported to have spoken of its attractions. But at the end Mr Smith was able to point to a big majority in his favour.

After that Mr Gould's mind was made up. He rejected the course taken by Tony Benn of remaining in the cabinet and shadow cabinet during the 1970s and early 1980s but feeling free to air his own

Mr Gould did not go immediately since he did not want to disrupt Mr Smith's Commons debut. The resignation ended a five-year period that saw Mr Gould gradually pushed to the margins within a Labour machine that found his divergence hard to stomach.

I thad all seemed so different in 1987. Mr Gould had been campaigns co-ordinator during the general election. Labour MPs rewarded him by electing him top of the poll in the shadow cabinet elections that autumn. Mr Gould immediately asked Neil Kinnock for the job of shadow chancellor. then held by Roy Hattersley. The other candidate was John Smith. Mr Hattersley, the deputy leader, wanted to hand over to Mr Smith and not Mr Gould

Mr Kinnock gave Mr Smith the shadow chancellor's job and made Mr Gould shadow trade and industry secretary, putting him in charge of the most important of the seven policy review groups, with a wide-ranging brief across industrial and economic policy.

It was during the preparation of

his group's paper that things began to go wrong. John (now Lord)

adviser, became unhappy with the anti-ERM tone of the document. Mr Gould had devised tough conditions for Britain's entry but, as he alleged in his resignation speech, they were surreputiously abandoned.

In April, Mr Gould decided to put his alternative platform to the test in the leadership election. Mr Kinnock, who had decided to go immediately after the election defeat, wanted a proper election and was furious at newspaper reports on the Sunday after April 9 of a union "stitch-up for Smith". He telephoned Mr Gould on the Sunday evening to tell him that he was resigning. While not taking the call as an endorsement, Mr Gould felt that he was at least being

encouraged to stand.

He did so with enthusiasm, standing for the leadership and deputy leadership. It was his prodevaluation line, making it difficult for him ever to work for Mr Smith, that did for him then - and finally

# Victory for Smith as delegates reject vote on Maastricht

By Nicholas Wood and Arthur Leathley

THE Labour conference vesterday crowned John Smith's pro-European quest by emphatically rejecting demands for a referendum on the Maastricht blueprint for economic and political union.

Only 24 hours after Bryan Gould resigned from the shadow cabinet in protest at the new leader's refusal to countenance a plebiscite, dele-gates enhanced Mr Smith's authority and highlighted Mr Gould's isolation by swinging overwhelmingly behind their new leader's support for the treaty and the European exchange rate mechanism.

The scale of the defeat for the pro-referendum lobby inside the Labour party cast doubt on Mr Gould's claims earlier in the day that he had the support of up to eight members of the shadow cabinet and 100 Labour MPs. Mr Smith was said to regard the

EUROPE outcome as a "staggering suc-

cess" and as a "humiliation" for his opponents. It was the culmination of a strategy that has already seen the national executive committee and the shadow cabinet falling into line behind Mr Smith's decision not to allow the sterling crisis to deflect Labour from its European goals.

Mr Gould said later that the

conference had made a "great mistake", but vowed to continue his campaign to put the issues squarely before the

The vote followed a surprisingly subdued debate in which only Tony Benn, the veteran left-winger and former cabinet minister, roused the hall with an impassioned plea for "the biggest constitutional change this century" to be put to the

country. With Mr Gould looking on silently from the platform, Mr Benn said that the treaty transferred ancient, hard-won freedoms from the electors to commissioners and

With the big unions lining up behind Mr Smith's support for the treaty. Mr Benn was rewarded with more cheers than votes. Delegates backed a concerted attempt by the plat-form, led by Gerald Kaufman, the former foreign affairs spokesman, to crush the rebels. Mr Kaufman said that Maastricht was the Tories' problem and that the conference should not turn it into Labour's problem. A referen-

playing into the hands of the Supporters of a referendum argued that the British people should not be denied a right exercised by the Danes, the French and the Irish. A gulf was opening up between rope's leaders and its peoples and a failure to hold a public debate and dispel ignorance about the treaty risked bringing the political system into disrepute. A vote in the Commons would be controlled by

the whips. Opponents of a plebiscite argued that it would plunge the party into a war that it would lose. The terms of a referendum would be set by the prime minister and the ensuing debate would inflame nationalistic passions at home. A "no" result would damage the interests of other Euro-

pean socialist parties. Glyn Ford, leader of the Labour MEPs, said: The last time we went around this track almost 20 years ago we were told it would be a healing process. Yet the scars are still there." A rejection of the Maastricht treaty would have the Tory tabloids "delirious with joy and boost the racists. nationalists and xenophobes". A "yes" vote would be seen as an endorsement of Mr Major's "narrow, partial, part-

time vision of Europe". Malcolm Crane, from Bolsover, pressed delegates to support an emergency motion calling for a referendum, accusing the government of misleading the public when Britain joined the ERM two years ago. "They had people believing we would have money pouring out of our ears." He said that some in the Labour party had jumped on the Conservative ERM bandwagon in an effort to become more "Tory than the Tories".

Labour should not allow the treaty to be ratified unless it had been renegotiated "to remove the economics of mass unemployment and weakening of trade unions." He said that John Smith and Scottish Labour MPs had backed a referendum on devolution for Scotland. "If it's good enough for Scotland, it's good enough

In one respect Labour can never win since it is seen as the party of government spending and higher taxation. But the new policymaking machinery is intended to ensure that all policy pledges are related to their overall spending and tax consequences and that promises made two or three years before an election are not set in stone and can be changed. This shift in policyattacks on the Tories, is likely to be the lasting legacy of the



Labour legacy: Neil Kinnock listens intently to yesterday's debate, which left his successor firmly in charge

# **Election favours new generation**

BY PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

ON THE final Monday of the election campaign, Gordon Brown and Tony Blair, close friends and allies, had a quick coffee on the station concourse at Euston before leaving on separate trains for tours of the Midlands. They discussed what jokes would suit each better when they met up again at an evening rally in Birmingham.

Then someone suggested that within a week they might. if the polls were right, be spokesmen, enduring the frustrations of Opposition. They both paused, struck by the

enormity of that prospect. . The polls were, of course, wrong, and both were for a time exhausted and depressed. But they soon bounced back, to support John Smith in his leadership campaign and to argue for further changes in Labour's policies and organisation if it is to win power.

Their victories in yesterday's elections to the national executive - at the expense of Dennis Skinner, the standard bearer of the hard-left confirmed that they will be at the centre of the Labour party's changes over the next few years.

Mr Brown and Mr Blair, aged 41 and 39 respectively, are popularly linked as the inseparable twins of Labour's new generation. Unusually, this is not just media hype but reflects a genuine friendship. They talk frequently, developing their ideas together and ensuring that they do not dash, either in what they say or in standing against each

But they are very different personalities. Mr Brown often

presents an austere image of the Scottish prophet prophesising doom as he de-livers rapid-fire speeches in his deep voice. In private, he is witty and more subtle. Mr Blair is more a politician for the television age, generally smiling and appearing as the reasonable, human face of the

LABOUR'S NATIONAL EXECUTIVE

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David Ward (NCU-ENG) 4,706,000

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Judith Church (MSF)

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Commons at the 1983 general election. Both, on the soft or Tribunite left, recoiled from the excesses of Bennism and were willing supporters of Neil Kinnock's attempts to

modernise the party.
One of their first parliamentary experiences was serving under Mr Smith on the party's team on the committee stage of a further instalment of the Tories' trade union legislation. This began close links between the two and Mr Smith. Messrs Brown and Blair

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then gradually ascended the ladder as junior spokesmen, impressing by their assiduity and their ability to pick issues which attracted media interest. Mr Brown was elected to the shadow cabinet in 1987, followed a year later by Mr

Mr Brown and Mr Blair concentrated on economic issues and, as trade and industry and employment spokes-men respectively from 1989 until this summer, they played a large part in the far-reaching changes in the party's policies of that period, notably the shift in attitudes on public ownership and in relations with the trade unions. They also proved to effective performers on television, arousing the envy of some of their colleagues.

After the April election defeat, they jointly decided to back Mr Smith in the party's leadership election and, although some of their friends hoped one might stand for deputy, they were persuaded by him that Margaret Beckett should be a candidate. They were closely involved in pushing for a mass membership party and for the new theme of Labour as the attacker of vested interests. They have also helped Mr Smith this month in sticking to his pro-EC line and resisting calls for

a referendum. Yesterday's success in the national executive elections means that they are now not just Mr Smith's closest allies but also the leading candi-

dates to succeed him. So far they have avoided competing against each other, but they may at some stage have to decide which of them 1,977,000 have to decide which of it 97,000 stands for the leadership.

## Brown calls for tough curbs on currency speculators

BY JILL SHERMAN AND ROBERT MORGAN

GORDON Brown, the shadow chancellor yesterday de-manded tough measures against "shirt-sleeved specuiators" as he kept up Labour's onslaught on John Major's handling of the economy.

Calling for an international

summit to draw up ways of curbing speculation. Mr Brown said the exchange rate mechanism had to be reformed and countries outside Europe had to play a part in Meanwhile, the government should "get back to work" and draw up an emergency jobs programme to end the fear of unemployment.

"This global economy needs new international institutions so that never again should the lives and livelihoods of millions of people and the destinies of national economies be directed by a handful of shortsleeved speculators," Mr Brown said during the economy debate.

John Edmonds, general secretary of the GMB, also criticised speculators who had won £500 million out of the sterling crisis, and called for a "windfall tax". "If those cocky young men had bet on horses they would have had to pay a gambling tax. I can't see

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why, just because they gamble on currencies, they should be allowed to pocket the lot."

Speaking to journalists later. Mr Brown agreed that a windfall tax should be discussed at the international summit. He urged Mr Major to use the EC summit on October 16 to argue for wider powers and resources to help weak currencies before they hit the ERM floor.

The time limit for interven-tion by central banks should be extended from three to six months, the scope for intervention at intra marginal rates (between the floor and ceiling of a currency) should be extended, and European reserves be pooled.

The shadow chancellor criticised the current "vacuum" at the heart of British government. To widespread applause he said: "I say to Norman Lamont, spend your energies pursuing the useful goal of creating jobs for others rather than the futile

one of clinging to your own." His attack on the prime minister had delegates doubled up with laughter. The recession started when John Major became Treasury secretary, worsened when he became Chancellor and intensified when he took over as prime minister, Mr Brown said. " Every time he changed jobs thousands lost theirs. The recovery will only happen

when John Major loses his." Britain now had a government with no policy, a cabinet with no leader, a Chancellor "with virtually no Exchequer" and a prime minister with no ideas, no friends and soon no future, Mr Brown said. "Last week the Chancellor didn't just stop supporting the pound, he stopped supporting the prime minister, leaving him floating downwards to find his own level."

The conference passed a number of resolutions covering general economic policy. taxes and benefits, rights at work and union law, and pensions. But the national executive committee suffered a small setback when, against its advice, delegates voted in favour of a resolution demanding the repeal of the Child Support Act.

# Tory-bashing fills

conference vacuum

DO NOT expect to learn much this week about where John Smith is going to lead the Labour party. The govemment's troubles over Europe and the economy have presented party leaders with an irresistible target, which they have not resisted.

Gordon Brown, Robin Cook and Gerald Kaufman vesterday made the most of John Major's misfortunes and the attack will be taken up this afternoon by Mr Smith. He will contrast the government's wobbles of the past fortnight with his consistently pro-European

position.

Bryan Gould's resignation now looks likely to be just a 24-hour distraction. After last April's defeat this could have been a tricky conference with the possibility of recriminations. There would have been little new or positive to say in view of Mr Smith's caution about rushing into policy commitments. The vacuum has

been filled by Tory-bashing. None of yesterday's speakers had much of substance to offer. Mr Brown set out broad themes, a national recovery programme, a new economics of partnership and co-operation, as well as proposals to improve the workings of the exchange rate mechanism. Today Mr Smith will talk about the need for a more activist government, a theme which seems to be attracting support on both sides of the Atlantic as the Bush and Major administrations appear passive in face of the continued recession.

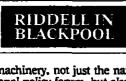
The absence of a detailed alternative does not mean that the leadership team is complacent and accepts that "one more heave" will be enough. Party officials point to the new aims and values document. Agenda for change, as a pointer to where Labour is going.

Like most such documents, it is long on vague generalities and short on specifies. But, at least, it opens up questions about changing the role of government and altering the balance between consumers

and entrenched interests. For once it is also worth reading the fine print. The appendix sets out the proposed 'new policy-making innocuous seeming refersible in our policy making

public spending". What this means is that Labour wants to avoid the difficulties which bedevilled its 1987 and 1992 campaigns. In 1987, Labour's costed programme was picked to pieces by Nigel Lawson, who argued that it would mean large tax in-creases. In 1992, Labour sought to avoid that trap by limiting its specific costed commitments and saying that other, uncosted and vaguer, proposals would only be introduced when they could be afforded. None the less, the Conservatives made their own, naturally pessimistic, estimates of the cost of these plans which added up to the £1,000 a

year on the average tax bill. Many Labour leaders believe that the firm commitments made in 1989 to raising child benefits and state pensions were a mistake since by last April the Tories had themselves increased child benefit, while the earlier large public sector surplus had turned into a large deficit



machinery, not just the national policy forum, but also, more significantly, the new joint policy committee of the shadow cabinet and the national executive. This will, in practice, determine priorities. The appendix contains ences to allowing "ourselves as much flexibility as posand seeking "to agree and sustain clear priorities - in the light of Britain's economic prospects — in terms of our

policies for taxation and

making, rather the headline



Benn: earned more cheers than votes

# Japan party baron gets token fine in cash scandal

FROM JOANNA PITMAN IN TOKYO-

JAPAN'S shadowy leading political powerbroker is to be fined for accepting illegal-

Tokyo prosecutors yesterday filed a summary charge against Shin Kanemaru, the ruling Liberal Democratic Party's "kingmaker", after he submitted a statement on Friday admitting that in 1989 he had accepted a political dona-tion of 500 million yen (£2,3 million), some five times more than the legal limit.

Mr Kanemanı will not have to appear in court and it is expected that he will be fined about £900, the same penalty as that imposed on some traffic offenders and on those damaging bank notes or committing acts of indecency.

Mr Kanemaru is believed to have arranged with prosecutors to pay the fine in return for an end to any further

# Chinese: back boy Buddha

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FROM CATHERINE SAMPSON IN PEKING

FOR the first time since 1949, Tibet's communist rulers have approved the reincarnation of a living Buddha: In a threeday ceremony which ends today, an eight-year-old-boy, O'kying Chilai, is being enthroned as the 17th Living Buddha of Garmaba, the heads of the white secre of Tibetan Buddhism; with Peking's stamp of approval.

In this remote Himalayan region, however, where the Tibetans' hatred of their Hanrulers \* frequently \* erupts - in demonstrations, what appears to he a move by Peking towards increased tolerance of Tiberan Buddhism may mean the opposite. Peking is believed to be tightening its grip on the way Tibetans choose control the choice of the next Panchen Lama: After the Dalai Lamn, who lives in exile in India, the Panchen Lama is the most important Tibetan spiritual leader.

By approving O'kying Chilai as a reincarnated living Buddha, Peking has set a precedent and can claim the reincamation of the Panchen Lama must receive such approval. The last Panchen Lama died in January 1989. According to Tibetan tradition his reincarnation should have

been born the day he died. The Panchen Lama was a useful middle man for Peking. playing a dual role as a loyal communist and a revered buddhist leader. Towards the end of his life, he appeared to regret his association with Peking, and spoke out more forcefully on behalf of Tiber.

embarrassing investigations about his links with Sagawa Kyubin, the errant trucking company that paid him the £2.3 million, and with a group of prominent gangsters connected to the firm.

The humiliation resulting

from the exposure of his involvement in the Sagawa affair - Japan's latest political: corruption scandal, which involves more than 200 MPs will be a more significant penalty for Mr Kanemaru, although few analysts expect him to go so far as to resign his parliamentary seat.

When it comes to political misdemeanours it is not easy to astonish the Japanese any more. Since the second world war, they have witnessed 18 big political corruption scandals, ostensibly humbling senior Liberals and triggering gushing apologies and promises of reforms. Unfortunately for the crusading few in Japanese politics, dozens of opposition members are also impli-

cated in the latest offgir and in

public they are remaining:

Yukio Aoshima, an opposi-tion MP and leader of a minority party called the Niin Club, began a hunger strike on Saturday to protest Mr Kanemaru's behaviour. Holding a placard reading, "Never pardon Kanemaru; the enemy of democracy", he was taken tohospital on Sunday when his

condition suddenly weakened.: Kiyoshi Kaneko, the Liberal former governor of Niigata prefecture, was also chargedyesterday over the illegal receipt of funds from Sagawa Kyubin. Mr Kaneko withhave to stand trial:

Mr Kanemani. 78, has been hiding out at his luxurious Tokyo home since standing down as Liberat vicepresident a month ago. Titles do not count for much in-Japanese politics and although he has never been prime minister. Mr Kanemaru has long been acknowledged as one of the two most powerful members of the polit-Noboru Takeshita; a former prime minister, he takes credit for having hired and fired Japan's last four prime ministers. Evidence from past scandals suggests that Mr Kanemaru will be allowed to retain his influence.

Conveniently for the Liberals, members of the Socialist party, Japan's largest opposition party, are also implicated; and Maketo Tanabe, the chairman, is a friend and supporter of Mr Kanematu.

Tales of Mr Kanemara's alleged past transgressions have begun springing up. The Yomiuri newspaper dug up his memoirs in which he said: The role of underworld staff is to handle 'underground money - money handed illegally to voters: I was in charge of 600,000 yen during the 1953 election.



Yawn chiorus: Taiwanese schoolboys dressed in ancient costume's and carrying batons decorated with pheasant feathers, wai, ling to perform a da noe at the Confucius temple in Taipei yesterday to mark the anniversary of the Chinese philosopher's birth 2.54.2 years ago

# Peking to help end hostility

FROM WILLIAM BRENT IN PEKING

CHINA yesterday boosted prospects for a reunified Korea by suggesting it would use its influence over North Korea to help push forward the peace

In a historic summit ending 43 years of hostility, President Roh Tae Woo of South Korea met President Yang Shangkun of China and asked Peking to help persuade Pyongyang to open up its alleged nuclear weapons programme to mutual inspection. It is most important that South and North Korea conduct mutual nuclear inspec-tions," Lee Jung Ha, Mr Roh's press secretary, said.

Nuclear inspection is the main stumbling block to unification talks between the Koreas. China wanted a nuclear weapons-free Korea and would play a role in achieving

peace. Mr Yang said. International pressure on North Korea was "not desirable". Mr Yang said. But the foreign ministry suggested China would use its close links with Pyongyang to nudge the hardline communist govern-ment out of isolation. (AFP)

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# Comforts of Tokyo go abroad with troops

By Joanna Pitman

They lack only the glassy reception lounges milling with bell-boys, the statutory indoor waterfall and kidney-shaped swimming pools with aquatic cocktail bars to make their sojourn truly worthy of a five-star lifestyle: But the 600 members of Japan's Self Defence Force arriving in Cambodia this month to join the United Nations pearekeeping operations, will have almost everything else one might expect from any Sheraton or Hilton

To the envy of bivouacking soldiers from the other 46 nations participating in the operation. Japan's blue cated skeeping quarters, helmets are being settled in with every possible comfort thomas, and mosquito with every possible comfort at hand. In their free time they might go to a Japanese cinema curl up in the reclining seats of their music halls, browse in the library, tone up their muscles in a gym, or simply kill time in a games arcade.

Takeo, a small village south of Phnom Penk which will be the main Japanese camp, is likely to take on an air of Tokyo's Ginza. There will be bars and clubs and laser-disc karaoke parlours, broadamplified homesick

yen-friendly vending ma-chines offering Japanese cigarettes. Japanese beer and sake. And, according to some reports, there will be massage parlours.

Local peasants may be astonished to watch huge satellite television screens being installed in special viewing rooms, and soldiers umpacking piles of video recorders, stereo systems and computer games:

lthough their UN A counterparts are coping as best they can with the clammy nights under canvas, the Japanese are intending to erect pre-fabriscreens. The leaders of the Associ-

ation of Southeast Asian-Nations (Asean), where memories of Japanese wartime atrocities are still vivid have made it clear that they would prefer to continue receiving Japan's bankers and businessmen, rather than its soldiers. But fears of resurgent Japanese

militarism appear at this stage unfounded. Phnom Penh: Bulgarian peacekeepers serving with: the UN in Cambodia will be given a pay increase after going on strike (AFT)



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Defiant salute: McBride, the ANC car bomber, punching the air after his

# Killers remain unrepentant as Pretoria grants amnesty

heroes and villains came blinking into the sunlight from prisons all over South Africa yesterday.

Barend Strydom, a mass

murderer who smiled as he shot dead six blacks and an Indian in the heart of Pretoria, because, he said, he hated blacks, smiled again as he was smuggled out of Pretoria jail. Khaki-clad rightwingers folded away the Boer republic's flag as he flashed by in a car and they missed the opportunity to welcome him. Strydom was remembered for his smile. After his killing spree in 1988 he told the judge who gave him eight shooting the wounded did not appear to appreciate the gravity of their situation. I smiled. I see myself as a friendly per-son. It was difficult to suppress my laughter. I smiled and carried on."

Also smiling yesterday was Robert McBride, a Coloured murderer from Durban, who from African National Congress supporters, including Walter Sisulu, the ANC's deputy president, as he stepped out of Westville prison. McBride set off a car bomb outside Magoo's Bar, a popu-lar beachfront cafe. Three young white women died and 69 people were injured.

We will protect you," the crowd shouted, for McBride had been the victim of an attack by a hostile gang of inmates on the eve of his release. Armed with scissors and a padlock and chain, and allegedly encouraged by a prison warder, they were fought off by another group of prisoners. McBride was only slightly hurt. He said at a press conference later that he would take up arms again if the situation should require it. but he insisted that he would work for reconciliation now.

"Press reports about my case always say the victims were innocent civilians," he said. "But when the victims are black, like in Barend Strydom's case, then they are just blacks. "If the situation was the same as in 1985, yes,

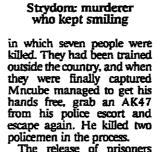
President de Klerk is steering a precarious path as he attempts to accommodate both the ANC and Chief Buthelezi, the Zulu leader, writes Michael Hamlyn from Johannesburg

McBride told the reception committee. "I am still not free - we still don't have the vote. black, I would have been freed in July 1991," he said. Asked if he thought there was any comparison between what he and Strydom had done, he said: "Absolutely none."

Curiously both McBride

while they dwelt on death row. Their wives were on hand yesterday to greet them. Paula McBride, the leftist daughter of a de Beers executive, works for the ANC-oriented Lawyers for Human Rights. Karen Rautenbach-Strydom runs a food stall in a tourist resort outside Pretoria.

Also freed yesterday were some professional assassins from the armed wing of the ANC, Umkhonto we Sizwe, the Spear of the Nation. Mzondeleli Nondulu was freed from Glamorgan prison in East London. Mthetheleli Mncube, his co-defendant in 1986, was also freed from Pretoria jail. They were sentenced to life in prison for a



The release of prisoners who, President de Klerk said, had committed atrocious crimes for political reasons, was part of the deal which was

and Nelson Mandela, the ANC leader, could resume talking. The government had for long insisted that they could not be called political prisoners, but finally agreed to let them out.

More than 150 had been freed by yesterday. Another four hundred or more names are on a list the ANC has prepared which will be acted upon by November 15. The right-wingers freed are are felt to have also committed "political crimes".

Among those released on Saturday were two who had necklaced impimpi, or police informers. "I was happy watching him burn," said George Skosana as he walked to freedom. "I would do it again if necessary." His cellmate, Lucky Malaza. described to reporters how he killed his man. "He was killing us, through what he was telling the police," he

"One day we grabbed him and took him before a people's court. By using force we got him to confess that he was an impimpi. The judge, one of the community elders, sen-tenced him to death. We put the tyre around him and poured petrol on him and lit a match. He screamed and screamed and tried to pull the tyre off, but could not He took a long time to die."

# President reassures Buthelezi

ernment's constitutional

PRESIDENT de Klerk of South Africa wrote yesterday to Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, chief minister of KwaZulu and leader of the Inkatha Freedom Party, to discuss his weekend outburst against the deal struck at the summit between Mr de Klerk and Nelson Mandela, the president of the African National Congress. Mr de Klerk said that, in the light of the trust that he had developed with the Zulu leader, he would not respond publicly.

Chief Buthelezi, irascible

and touchy, is and will re-

strategy, and it would clearly be counter-productive to offend him. "Perhaps he would command 10 to 15 per cent of the total vote in a national election," one observer said yesterday. "And unless the ANC wins that election by a landslide, that 10 per cent would be an important asset. De Klerk cannot be insensitive to Buthelezi. His whole strategy depends on an alliance between the National party and a series of regional parties, of which Inkatha is by far the most important."

that Chief Buthelezi is a significant player. Tom Lodge, assistant professor of politics at Witwatersrand university, insists that although the government cannot go ahead without the ANC, all the other players are of secondary importance.

"He is not going to bring the government many votes, he said. "Much more sensible in the long term ... would be for the National party to nurture the white vote and to build support among the conservative Coloured and

# Saddam opponents

NEWS IN BRIEF

# seek help from UN

Shaqlawa: A new Iraqi opposition body, representing most of the factions opposed to President Saddam Hussein, which was set up in Kurdishcontrolled northern Iraq this week, has appealed to the United Nations to use frozen Iraqi assets for humanitarian relief to try to prevent starvation in the country this winter (Claire Pointon writes).

The call was part of a declaration by the so-called Iraqi National Congress, grouping more than 30 oppo-sition factions — including Shias, Kurds, liberals, communists, and independents. The group also announced that, after negotiations on quotas of ethnic, political and religious elements, the make-up of a 174-member national assembly for a democratic and pluralistic Iraqi government had been agreed.

Fears of a disaster in the north of the country after the cold weather starts in mid-November have already prompted the UN to draw up plans for a £34 million aid programme. A fact-finding group from America, Britain, France and Turkey is expected to arrive in the area within the next fortnight to assess needs.

### Nigeria crash rescue held up

Lagos: Thick swamp and heavy rains hampered the efforts of rescue workers to recover the bodies of more than 160 young officers of the Nigerian military who were killed when an air force plane crashed north of Lagos on Saturday (Elizabeth Obadina

The wreckage of a Hercules C130 transport plane, which nosedived minutes after takeoff from Lagos for a military staff college in Jaji, lies buried in mud. Reports said 163 army, air force and navy officers had died, but the toll could rise above the 176 of Nigeria's worst air disaster in 1973. Experts were mystified by the crash, which robbed the military of a whole stratum of young officers seemingly bound for high rank.

### **Border fence**

Delhi: The Indian government announced that it would fence more than 500 miles of the border with Bangladesh by 1996 to keep out the tens of thousands annually who are illegal immigrants. (AFP)

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### Guzmán trial

Lima: Abimaei Guzmán. the leader of Peru's Shining Path guerrillas, appeared before a military court on treason charges. He will be sentenced within ten days and is expected to be jailed for life. (Reuter)

### Sure faith

New York: Most Americans believe that Jesus Christ will return in the next century. America will have a woman president and a cure will be found for Aids and cancer, a poll for Time magazine and CNN showed. (Reuter)

### Tourist threat

Srinagar: A leading Kashmiri militant group warned tourists to leave the troubled area in three days or they would "come to harm". (Reuter)

### Wobble factor

Auckland: At least 20 teenagers were treated for chemical burns to their eyes after a

# for summit with Assad

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, said yesterday that the key to peace with Damascus lay in the hands of President Assad and he urged the Syrian leader to hold talks

In an interview with Israel radio marking the Jewish new year. Mr Rabin said his wish for the coming year was that Israel would secure a peace agreement with at least one of the Arab participants to the present peace talks.

"With Syria I do not believe we will reach a solution without the involvement of the highest political echelons. Without this I do not see how it can be made clear to the Israeli public that Assad wants peace," he said. "The key is in

the hands of the Syrians."

He described the current contacts with Syria, Lebanon and a joint Palestinian-Jordanian delegation, due to resume in Washington on October 21, as an interim measure and emphasised that he was seeking a repetition of the historic Camp David accords negotiated between the late Egyptian and Israeli leaders. "Without the involvement of the top political leader of an Arab country and Israel in the efforts to bring about peace I doubt if peace is attainable." said Mr Rabin.

He said that so far President Assad had shown no inclination to hold a summit meeting. He went on to question what exactly Famuk al-Sharua, the Syrian foreign minister, meant last week when he by offered Israel "total peace" in exchange for a "total withdrawal" from lands captured by Israel in 1967.

Asked about reports of Syria's attempts to build up its chemical weapons arsenal. Mr Rabin, a former general and defence minister, said that arms control in the Middle East would probably be the last area of negotiation after a regional peace treaty was signed. Pointing to the aftermath of Camp David, he said: "Egypt continues to modernise its armed forces, there is no let up in the purchasing of

# Rabin calls | Kuwait stock market reopens after war

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN KUWAIT CITY

WITH a prolonged ring on the trading bell and shouts from dealers peering through binoculars, Kuwait's stock exchange reopened yesterday for the first time since Iraq's 1990

The resumption in dealing at the imposing marble and glass building was a potent symbol of reconstruction in the face of continuing Iraqi claims that oil-rich Kuwait is its nineteenth province. "This finally says goodbye to Saddam Hussein. It means our economy is gaining strength," said Abdullah al-Jarallah, the minister of commerce, who rang the bell amid clouds of incense. "Against all

the odds, we are back in business." Wafa al-Rashid, a stock exchange official, said many Kuwaitis preferred investing in shares rather than banks because interest, prohibited by Islam, was not involved.

Investors with millions of dinars locked into the market had expected prices of the 30 of 54 pre-invasion shares quoted yesterday to drop ini-tially by up to half. But brokers

ional Bank of Kuwait, were less than expected. Annual prewar turnover on the exchange was \$3.3 billion (£1.9 billion). The exchange is modelled jointly on those in London and Singapore.

said that falls, notably in the

key marker share, the Nat-

Conspicuously missing was the \$9 million computer system which was plundered by Iraqi soldiers and taken to Baghdad, Instead, much of the hectic early trading was conducted manually as dealers in white robes shouted instructions and onlookers gazed down from a balcony. Guests were served smoked

salmon and strawberries. The reopening was held less than a week before Kuwait holds its first parliamentary election since 1985. "With the prospect of a new parliament. the exchange open and the press freer, things are better now than before the invasion", said an exchange researcher. But some Kuwaitis argued that confidence was not suffi-

ciently restored, and prewar

investors would suffer catas-trophic losses.



Perot: to decide by

# Perot keeps

FROM JAMIE DETIMER

ALL the elements that have made this year's presidential election one of the strangest in US history came together yesterday in a Dallas hotel where Ross Perot and his followers questioned Democrat and Republican delegations about their economic plans.

The Texas billionaire con-tinued to flirt with the idea of renewing his challenge for the White House but yet again refused to commit himself. He said he would make up his mind by the end of the week.

# on the continent by the end of the Cold war.

# **US** waiting

IN DALLAS

### ANGOLA votes today in its first democratic elections. The poll will be both a test of democracy in Africa and of the role of the United Nations in filling the power vacuum left

In the 48 hours leading up to polling, the UN is organ-ising 320 flights to carry observers and election materials to the many parts of the country that remain accessible only by air because of mines laid during the long civil war between the National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) and the ruling Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA)

which ended last year. The presidential elections are a two-horse race between Jonas Savimbi, the Unita leader. and President dos Santos. But the 4.86 million registered voters, 75 per cent of them illiterate, will also be voting for 223 deputies in a

ing had been peaceful by African standards, although about 30 people have been

## role in fostering democracy FROM SAM KILEY IN LUANDA

Free Angola election tests UN

killed in clashes between

end of the week. Intelligence sources have

new national assembly. Up to last night, campaign-

Unita and MPLA soldiers in the past month. But the potential remains for a violent reaction by the loser when the results become known at the

confirmed that both Unita and the MPLA have kept troops out of the demobilisation camps monitored by the UN and that Unita may still be holding Stinger surface-to-air missiles supplied by America in the late 1980s. Against this background, Margaret Anstee, the UN secretary-general's special representative to Angola, described the international community's logistical support for the elections as vital, although the UN's original mandate was merely to monitor the ceasefire and demobilisation of 150,000 troops on both sides and to

verify the elections.
"We did not have the budget for much more but after pressurising the international community we have got more money and the loan of aircraft for the election days and the counting," Miss Anstee, a

former academic and Downing Street political adviser, said "It's a bit Heath Robinson, but I am sure we'll be all right on the night. Logistics are a political issue, and if they break down then either side may use this as an excuse for saying that the elections were neither free nor

Diplomats in Luanda, the capital, said the UN Angola verification mission (Unavem) under Miss Anstee had played a crucial role in keeping the elections on track and helping to take the heat out of violent incidents between the two sides. The experience in Angola is likely to be a model for a similar operation in Mozambique, another former Portuguese territory, where it is expected a peace agreement between the rebel Mozam-bique National Resistance and the government will be

signed this week.
Unavern has been a success so far, and if the electoral process breaks down the blame will rest with the Ango-lans and their leaders," one diplomat said here.

# rugby club staged a jelly-wres-tling competition. The gelatin in the jelly reacted with other ingredients. (AFP)

# Brazil awaits Collor's fate as congress prepares for showdown vote

FROM MAC MARGOLIS IN BRASILIA

Backed to the wall by protests and charges of corruption, President Collor de Mello of Brazil faces a showdown in congress today that could bring down his

government. His fate is in the hands of the 503 members of the lower house, who vote today in a special session on whether to remove him from power and authorise the senate to begin an impeachment trial.

The legislators will step up to the microphone on the congressional floor and one by one declare their vote in favour or against the president. If two-thirds of congress votes against him, Senhor Collor will be automatically suspended from power.

Opposition leaders have

congress demanding impeachment. The authorities have deployed hundreds of police, security guards, vehicles and helicopters to ring the congress building.

in the run-up to today's vote legislators on both sides have claimed victory. The president's allies, the socalled "shoot troop" of attorneys and politicians who back him, claimed more than 220 votes, far more than the onethird of congress necessary to block impeachment. The opposition forces said they will muster 370 votes. comfortably over the two-thirds.

Senhor Collor is charged with taking money and favours in one of the country's worst corruption scandals. commanded allegedly by his bowed to mass protests by former campaign manager. 300,000 people outside the Paulo Cesar Farias, and in-

volving hundreds of millions of dollars. Last weekend, Senhor Farias was charged by police investigators on nine counts, ranging from bank fraud to influence peddling, which could bring him up to 51 years in prison.

If Senhor Collor loses the battle in congress, he will be removed from office for up to 180 days while the senate begins the formal impeachment trial. In theory, he could return to nower if the senate rejects the charges. However, political observers here say it will be nearly impossible for him to return to office once he has been suspended

Impeachment would be a bitterly ironic end for Senhor Collor, the young, dashing candidate who swept to power in 1990 promising a new

shoeless" Brazilians and to eject the corrupt from power. Virtually a political nobody, Senhor Collor soared to national prominence less than five years ago when as governor of the small, wretchedly poor state of Alagoas he launched a crusade against overpaid and underworked civil servants.

He vowed in 1987 that the government of change will not allow the people's money to be used by a small caste of the privileged". Those words came back to haunt him earlier this year, when his younger brother, Pedro, annoyed over a family business dispute, decided to take his grievances to the press. He told a sordid tale of a "mafia" of cronies from businessmen and "selling" government contracts for fat commissions, all with the president's consent. The denunciation hurt Se-

nhor Collor, who had won international acclaim for launching a bold plan of economic reform, imposing severe sacrifice on a recession-battered nation in the name of modernisation. A congressional investigation was begun, and three months later found that he had personally benefitted from Senhor Farias' corruption ring, whose largesse included clothes and haircuts for his wife, Rosane, and building a £1.5 million garden at his

private home. Senhor Collor vehemently denied all charges and swore not to resign. However. Bra-

in power, exacting bribes zilians took to the streets by the tens of thousands, their faces smudged in funereal black, to demand his removal.

"We had a political project. We managed to change the agenda of Brazil, said Renan Calheiros, a former righthand man to the president in congress. "But he just got too greedy. He thought he was untouchable." A personal tragedy for Se-

nhor Collor may also mean a rare moment of glory for this country's tender democracy. In Brazil, where the military and autocrats have reigned through much of the century. presidents are generally removed by coups and cloak-room deals. The military is keeping out of the current turnoil and impeachment. though painful, is proceeding



# Amid denials of two-speed strategy, Germany and France lay plans for mini-Europe on the Rhine

# Bonn and Paris prepare for day Britain backs out

ACCORDING to German ratification process. True or newspaper reports, detailed not, publication of the reports contingency plans are being drawn up for a mini-monetary union in Europe, centred on France and Germany, in the wake of recent turmoil in the exchange-rate mechanism.

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The plans have not been officially denied. But the Bonn government coalition parties yesterday made a point of rejecting out of hand any idea of a resulting "two-speed

The reports all emanate from Brussels sources, suggesting that they have been leaked by EC officials close to Jacques Delors in an effort to increase pressure on Britain to exercise its authority as current president of the EC's council of ministers to speed up the

not, publication of the reports has caused acute embarrass ment to the government. Inside the chancellery it is acknowledged that this kind of publicity plays into the hands of Eurosceptics, making it even more difficult to ensure that the Maastricht treaty is adopted or keeps to its umetable if it is.

Peter Hintze, the general secretary of the Christian Democrats (CDU), made it obvious yesterday that his party leader, Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, is acutely worried now that British opponents of the Maastricht treaty will be encouraged by the story. A two-speed Europe was "dan-gerous", Herr Hitze told jour-

Ian Murray in Bonn and Charles Bremner in Paris report on Franco-German contingency plans for a minimonetary union in Europe

nalists. Despite all the difficulties, he fervently hoped that the treaty would proceed as

In contrast, Count Otto Lambsdorff, leader of the Free Democrats (FDP), the junior partners in the coalition, described the Maastricht timetable for monetary union as unrealistic. He told Bunte magazine that he did not believe it was possible to start this from 1999, and he insisthave to be given the final say before Germany entered such a system. His party praesidium, meanwhile, issued a statement strongly condemning the idea of any kind of "mini-Europe." Discussion or even rumours of such a scheme were absurd and damaging for the future progress of the Maastricht treaty, they said in

Nevertheless, one of the chancellor's closest aides has confirmed that "emergency has been going

a statement.

ahead on creating a common autonomous bank with a seat in Frankfurt and headed by a Frenchman. The aim would be to look at the feasibility of setting this up in the event that Britain does not ratify Maastricht.

According to Der Spiegel, the idea was discussed between Herr Kohl and President Mitterrand when they met in Paris last week. The news magazine story was not only denied but described as "poison" and "completely fictitious" by the government, which last week also denied a report by Die Welt that the two had discussed a "mini-

Europe" when they met. Diplomatic observers here are sure that the two leaders did consider how to accelerate

European integration if Britain failed to ratify the treaty but that both agreed it was more important now to do all they could to nelp John Major. "If we can devise ways of interpreting and publicising the treaty in a way which calms the sceptics in Britain. then that will achieve much more than a two-speed Europe." one government offi-

cial explained. "A two-speed Europe would be a no-speed Europe because the Community would tear itself apart." Nevertheless, the two-speed idea is winning growing sup port in Germany, particularly among bankers who are worried that a European system including weak economies would be unstable and would

damage German interests.

Bundesbank president, is calling for new negotiations to create a strong currency union, possibly including the Swiss and Austrians.

In Paris, Elisabeth Guigou. the European affairs minister. said vesterday that France is keen to help Britain ratify the Maastricht treaty but will not wait indefinitely. The Elysee presidential pal-

ace announced that Mr Major would visit Paris tomorrow to discuss the future of European political, economic and moneiary union with President Minerand. Mme Guigou had earlier said the talks would be held on Thursday. "First of all we wish to do

everything we can to help Mr

Major, who is a sincere sup-

porter of ratification of the treaty, to persuade his parliament to ratify this treaty." Mme Guigou told radio Europe 1. "But we will also say naturally that we are not going to wait indefinitely."

Mr Major is due to meet Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister, in London tomorrow after returning from his meeting with M Mitterrand. He will chair an emergency EC summit in

Birmingham on October 16. Mme Guigou said there could be no question of reopening the Maastricht treaty text. This treaty must be implemented. We must acr to make that possible."

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# Ministers jostle for place in Europe's financial fast track

FROM GEORGE BROCK IN BRUSSELS

EUROPEAN Community fi-nance ministers, at their first meeting since the pound was pulled out of the exchangerate mechanism, yesterday proclaimed their loyalty to the ERM while manoeuvring in case it founders.

Several ministers rushed to lay claim to a place in the fasttrack of any two-speed Euro-pean economy. Officially not one capital in the Community believes that Germany and France are preparing to take a select group of states into a single currency if the Maastricht treaty is not ratified by all 12 states. In practice. governments anxious to join were yesterday busy showing their credentials

"I would like to stress that whatever happens, it is the policy of the Danish govern-ment to participate in the hard core of the ERM," said Anders Fogh Rasmussen, the Danish economic affairs minister. He implied that Denmark, which rejected key parts of Maastricht's prescriptions for monetary and political union in a referendum in June, would be "narrow band" of permissible exchange-rate fluctuations made narrower.

UK, Ireland, Denmark 39%

UK, Ireland, Denmark 56%

italy, Portugal, Spain, Greece 83%

Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg 86%

France, Germany 82%

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Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg 40%

Italy, Portugal, Spain, Greece 58%

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Q Overall, are you in favour, or are you not, of being a

centage of those polled who were in favour)

under severe pressure in the ERM during the past fortnight and yesterday interest rates rose to 13.75 per cent. Capital controls were reimposed last week. But in Brussels yesterday Bertie Ahern, the finance minister, stoutly asserted that Ireland intended to stay up with the leaders. "If

there is a first group, we will be part of it," an Irish official said later. "All the fundamentals of our economy meet the requirements of that fast track." Mr Ahem, the official added, had talked to Horst Koehler, the junior German finance minister, yesterday and obtained an assurance that Ireland would indeed make the grade. Herr Koehler is effectively the membership secretary for any inner

club of the future. At the pivotal meeting in the Dutch town of Apeldoorn a year ago, the EC's poorer economies were told that the Maastricht treaty would allow an unknown number of leading economies to forge ahead with economic union in 1999. If a single currency waited for the Greek economy to catch single currency would never happen. "All we're doing

devalued in realignments. the argument ran, the now," said one EC diplomat, "is pulling the diplomatic **EC POPULARITY POLL** Q Do you think being a member of the European Community will improve the quality of your life? (Percentage of those polled who answered "yes")

> joining the single currency.
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> Being paired with Greece outside a redrawn ERM would be politically ignominious for Britain but implies no onerous obligation. Athens claims that it will join the ERM at the end of next year. but few believe it. Greek macro-economic policy, which is effectively supervised in Brussels, has brought inflation down from 24 per cent to 15 this year but it remains the obvious laggard of the Community. But Britain and Greece may be joined by other refugee states if the ERM is

monetary union before 2000.

although Britain can avoid

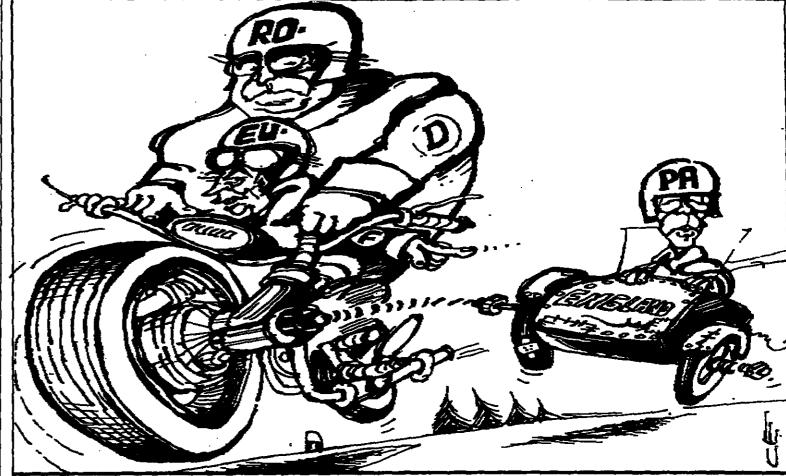
camouflage off the machinery we put into the treaty. Two speeds always has been inevitable: now its just more obvious than it was." Before settling the fate of the

treaty, the EC leaders who will meet in Birmingham on October 16 have to find a way of storm-proofing the ERM. Two members with vulnerable currencies, Spain and Ireland, have exchange controls in place. Italy has reneged on its promise to return to the ERM, and nobody in Brussels expects a rapid decision by

According to the Maastricht timetable, the governments should pick a site for the European Central Bank by the end of the year and start narrowing differences be-tween exchange rates on January 1, 1994. The key decisions at Birmingham may effectively split the ERM into two groups: currencies heading for ever-narrower exchange-rate bands and the remainder in wider bands and liable to be

Whatever happens. Britain and Greece will form a third group outside the grid. Shortly after sterling left the ERM. John Major made a passing reference to Britain enjoying the same status as Greece inside the European monetary system but outside the exchangerate mechanism. At present, the pound. Italian lira and Greek drachma all fit in this category. The currencies are built into the formula used to calculate the value of the ecu and the governments have signed the Maastricht treaty which commits them to make Europe's economies converge.

confined only to countries heading for German-run in a babel of subtitles and



Helmut on wheels: a cartoon in the Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung with France telling Kohl, "Helmut, we need a two-speed Europe"

# Dead parrot passes on to Franco-German TV

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

fter all the weeks of A fter all the weeks of German bashing, France was treated last night to something it did not know it needed: a fully-fledged Franco-German television net-

Wilkommen-Bienvenue to the world of Arte, a bilingual television idea whose time has come, at least in the view of President Mitterrand and Jack Lang, his culture-minister. The Socialist president persuaded Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, into launching the scheme before brotherhood, the Franco-German defence force.

The mission of Arte, financed by £142 million per year of taxpayers' marks and francs and operating out of Paris, Strasbourg and Baden Baden, is to promote understanding between the European peoples, starting with the French and Germans and following soon with the Belgians. Like the EMS, other countries are being invited to join later to help create a single televisual "space".

The Euro-station is highbrow, offering culture/Kultur dubbing. The effect is a little like the forced bonhomie that used to characterise Soviet efforts to induce "friendship" among the people's democracies. French veterans of the wartime occupation are drawing darker comparisons.

Viewers on both sides of the Rhine might have been forgiven some confusion when they tuned into the broadcast last night and found a 20-year-old episode Monty Python's Flying Circus. In the near-Maastricht world, however, John Cleese's famed sketch about the late parrot/feu perroquet/verstorbene Papagei comes over just as well as a

poly-glot.

After a try-out on cable in Germany and France during the summer months. Arte took to the prime time in France last night on the channel previously occupied by La Cinq, the commercial network which went bankrupt last December. There, to lure viewers away from the game shows and sexy soap operas, it offered a documentary on ancient Egypt. The centrepiece of the evening

was Wim Wenders' Franco-

German film of 1987. Wings of Desire. That followed the 20.30 evening news, a surreal event with the Fellini-esque title 8-1/2 and no newsreader. The absent anchorman was one of many concessions to the cultural differences which weigh heavily on the station.

The Germans, for example, like long documentaries and discussions, while the French prefer more divertissement. The Germanic talk sessions are even more long-winded because of the needs of simultaneous translation.

ne-recorded material gets L by with sub-titles and dubbing. Another problem is sleeping habits. The German's eat dinner and go to bed earlier, so the French are only starting on their first aperitif when Arte is into prime time. M Lang failed in an attempt to persuade the German partners, the staterun ARD and ZDF networks, to let France opt out of the

most boring fare. Tonight, viewers can look forward to a two-hour documentary on "26 days in the life of Dostoyevsky", which is



Opening fling: a scene from the Franco-German film Wings of Desire shown on the new Arte channel

part of one of the three nights per week devoted to a single cultural theme. Reaction in France has

mixed mockery with admiration for an heroic hybrid so clearly destined to fail all the standard tests of audience ratings. "Watching it is like having to take your baccalaureat every night," joked

one critic. Speaking for the real intellectual classes. Le Monde yesterday sniffed at the professed disdain of Alain Meneval, the programme director, for attracting an audience. "Do they think at Arte that Molière or Mozart did not care about the public?" Le Monde wondered

### Romanian elections

# Former communists hold sway

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN BUCHAREST

ROMANIA leapt back to the future yesterday as President lliescu looked on course to continue his hold on power. Preliminary election results showed him comfortably beating Emil Constantinescu, his main rival for the presidency. At the same time Mr lliescu's supporters in the Democratic National Salvation Front will almost certainly be the largest party in parliament and are likely to form a coalition government, probably in alliance with nationalists and socialists.

Gheorghe Funar, the extreme nationalist who ran on an anti-Hungarian ticket, is expected to receive 11 per cent of the presidential vote. If confirmed nationwide the results will make Romania the only country in Eastern Europe still governed by former communists.

Detailed preliminary results announced last night by

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the election results committee revealed that Mr Iliescu was in a commanding lead with 46.8 per cent of the 2.1 million votes aiready counted. Mr Constantinescu, the Democratic Convention candidate. had 31.7 per cent and Mr

Funar with 10.9 per cent. The result is a serious blow for the Democratic Convention. Opposition figures contested the preliminary results. and some hinted that there had been electoral fraud such as marred the last general election in 1990.

But most of the more than 500 international electoral observers believe that, while there was room for improvement, there was no evidence of widespread malpractice. There is great difference between the May 1990 elections and the current one, and that is not only my feeling." Rene Combier, a Belgian observer, said. "I took part in ballot counting at two polling stations and there is room for progress. But it is a matter of organisation which had no influence over the quality and fairness of the elections." French observers said the

elections were fair with no fraud and no incidents. But some of them said they were surprised at some organisational aspects which, while not illegal, could be a possible source of fraud. Final results of the presi-

dential contest will be announced on Saturday and for the 471-seat parliament on the following Tuesday. If, as seems likely, Mr Iliescu fails to win 50 per cent or more of the presidential vote, there will be a second-round ballot. If enough votes transfer to Mr Constantinescu he could still take his seat in the presidential palace and he has promised to continue his

# Russia reinforces army as Tajik unrest grows

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA is to reinforce its military presence urgently in the troubled republic of Tajikistan in an attempt to stop rival factions there plundering its bases for weaponry and taking hostages to press their demands, the defence ministry here announced yesterday.

The emergency measure was announced after Russian troops had, with some difficulty, secured the release of 31 servicemen taken hostage by rival groups. It betrays Moscow's concern about the rapid deterioration in relations between Tajik fighters and former Soviet troops there.

An unspecified number of men will be moved urgently to support the 201st motorised rifle division deployed in the republic after what the ministry called "a dramatic worsening of the situation".

The ministry said: "Threats against the personnel of the Russian army, the capture of hostages, military hardware and combat weapons are becoming more and more frequent." The rebels had seized the men in an attempt to swap them for weapons, but agreed to hand over the hostages after an armoured convoy was dispatched. The convoy came under fire as it crossed the Vaksh river, and two troops were wounded 50 miles south of Dushanbe. A team of army negotiaters was sent from Moscow yesterday to try to secure the release of four officers still in the hands of Tajik fighters.

Georgia talks: Eduard Shevardnadze, the Georgian leader, held emergency talks with President Yeltsin yesterday on "saving" relations between the two republics as unrest and instability spread northwards from the Caucasus mountains and into southern Russia. The Russian parliament last week accused Georgia of violating the rights of Abkhazian separatists who are involved in a bitter armed stand off with the

# past Serb lines in Bosnia BRITAIN and Spain, two of

BY MICHAEL EVANS AND ANTHONY HOWARD

UK troops fail to find way

the countries providing soldiers for the expanded United Nations protection force in Bosnia-Herzegovina, are facing serious difficulties with their plans to send troops into the battle zones.

The British military reconnaissance party which has been trying to gain access from the north through Serbian lines to reach Tuzla and Doboi, where Britain's battle group is to be based, has had no success. The group is now being forced to consider an alternative route from the south or southwest.

Spain, which is among eight Nato countries that have offered troops or military support for the expanded UN force has faced similar difficulties. A Spanish group is trying to reconnoitre Mostar, the town southwest of Sarajevo picked for the country's humanitarian efforts. There are reports that Spain is not happy

with the site, which is constantly under artillery fire. The unexpected setbacks have underlined the weaknesses in organisation at the UN, which lacks any form of military contingency planning cap-

The British party, including Lieutenant Colonel Bob Stewart, commander of the Cheshire Regiment which is to be sent to Bosnia, has been trying for a week to get through to Tuzla. The many Serbian roadblocks north and northwest of the town have convinced the British military authorities that it will be impractical to run a convoy route through the Serbian frontlines. A southern route

will now be charted. The failure to reach the area earmarked for Britain's 1,800 troops will delay their arrival. None of the detailed planning for the deployment of the British troops can begin until the reconnaissance party has

returned, but this is now not expected until at least the end of this week. In the United States, Gener-

al Colin Powell, chairman of the US joint chiefs of staff. yesterday brought to the surface the tensions in the Bush administration over American policy towards Bosnia. In an interview with The New York Times he questioned the need to impose an air-exclusion zone, declaring that Serbian aircraft had done no more than "shadow" UN relief flights without posing a threat.

He also vigorously opposed Baroness Thatcher's suggestion that the West should undertake limited and surgical air strikes to deter the Serbs from shelling Sarajevo and other towns. He said: "As soon as they tell me it is 'limited', it means that they do not care whether you achieve a result or not. As soon as they tell me 'surgical', I head for the

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# When marriage turns bloody

Should the law punish wives who are driven too far, asks Janet Daley

It is

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stakes because there is a defence available to them when they murder their spouses which can scarcely ever apply to women. In this age of equal opportunities mania, such palpable injustice could not go unchallenged. The campaign to correct this inequality, of which we heard much last year during the Sara Thornton case, has been revived by the freeing last week of Kiranjit Ahluwalia.

If men are provoked into thoughtless violence which results in the death of their female partners, they may plead that loss of self-control releases them from responsibility for their actions. But women, even when provoked, are not physically capable of murder in a spontaneous fit of rage and thus almost never find themselves able to use the defence of "provocation".

The fact that we must now be expected to excuse women's violence too, so that they will not be disadvantaged, is a testasuggest that ment to the influ-ence of feminism slow-burning, on public debate. Or perhaps it is as much the final triumph of liberalism that we find nothresentment ing absurd in the idea that all groups is exclusively in society should have an equal right to commit the ultimate crime, or to

be let off once they have committed it. Those cam-paigning to change the law on tainly been provoked. They may paigning to change the law on provocation are asking the courts to treat men and women differently in a way which must, in the end, be damaging to the idea of female equality. It reinforces the stereotype of women as helpless, to argue that the only escape for a sane, adult wife might be through the murder of her captor. This is a free society. Only a woman depressed to the point of irrationality could see herself as a trapped slave.

To change the definition of what constitutes a crime like premeditated murder so that it means different things for different sexes or social groups is to create different be anathema to feminists, different degrees of moral responsibility for men and women.

The defence of provocation for men is a recognition of the obvious truth that men may genuinely lose control of their aggression and, with their superior physical strength, commit acts which they did not intend. Intention is the key to whether or not someone may be charged with murder. And intention is equated with forethought For a woman to kill almost inevitably involves forethought since it requires the use of a weapon and this means that women who kill are almost always charged with murder. It also means that they kill less often.

To permit women to claim that they were provoked into killing their husbands even though the act was committed with forethought. would be to permit premeditated murder. It is no good saying, "But she couldn't have done it any other way." The object is not to give

en have an unfair ad-vantage in the homicide everyone an equal crack at murder — to level the playing field so that we all get a fair chance at the goal. We are still in the business of trying to prevent the taking of life rather than inventing new ways to sanction it, aren't we?

and I wrote about it.

"The ginger-haired boy had sunken cheeks, a pasty face, and

many studs in his nose and ears.

He looked as though he wouldn't

get up if you knocked him down. The blond boy looked as though he

would have run away before you had time to hit him."

I still remember his careworn

face and nervous eyes. I have

learned since to recognise, in the

old-young features of those we call

inadequate, the mark left by terrific

anxiety in childhood. Busy, rich,

successful people sometimes assume that at the bottom of the heap

one could at least relax. "It's tough

at the top" we say. But the haunted faces of the deprived suggest strain

of an intensity we scarcely know.

I helped them spell "Liverpool"

on a piece of cardboard before

had never been north of London,

"My three passengers were not

nor 'interesting' nor 'worthwhile underneath'. They were shallow

and underdeveloped and, most of

all, they were weak. Yet they were

capable of all kinds of harm... The gross cost to the state

of each of their lives will be

staggering: but it will be paid and they will be contained, and that is

the happy - or sad? - truth of it."

We have since coined a fashionable

term, "the underclass", but the facts

I simply ask: who cares? Where

now is the constituency of the

deprived? Is it really on the left any

The opposition parties need the

underclass like a hole in the head.

Their politicians well know that

concentrating on losers only dulls a

party's shine among the upwardly

aspirational voter it needs to attract.

the less well-off. I do not mean

those on below average earnings,

the bottom half, the bottom third,

the bottom quarter — no. not even

the bottom tenth. I mean no more

than one in 50 — a million people.

perhaps. How do I identify that 2

per cent? Not by income alone. Although almost all of them must

be very poor, there are millions of

others on basic incomes who are

not a social problem and whose

condition, while uncomfortable, is

not wretched. I do not call such

people the underclass. They keep their heads above water and their

lives have shape and hope: they

can, and many of them will, move

up as well as down, when circum-

stances change or life-chances come

By "underclass" I do not mean

and the people remain the same.

hat article, "Going No-

where", was about those

at the bottom of the heap,

and their hopelessness.

It's tough at the bottom actually.

What happened in last week's retrial of Mrs Ahluwalia is being taken as a victory by the "provoca-tion" reform lobby although the defence of provocation played no part in the fact that she was freed by the court. The injustice in her case was clear: she should never have been charged with murder at all. but with manslaughter because the psychological state to which she had been reduced by her husband's mistreatment resulted in dimin-ished responsibility. The court rectified this wrong and decided that the time she had already served was sufficient punishment for the man-slaughter charge. This outcome

> a male defendant who had, say, been bullied by an employer to the extent leaving them at Watford Gap. They that he was depressed and dethe feminist point with on Merseyside, and no idea where, or how big, Liverpool was of view, it is neither here nor there, and it certainly has no bearing on the question of provocation which was disallowed in this very bad people, nor were they at all good — nor 'misunderstood'. case just as it was in

Sara Thornton's.

their violent hus-

Women who kill

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even have committed a form of justifiable homicide. But they have not "acted under provocation". If we enlarge that concept to include what we are now being told is the typically female slow burn of anger, then we are legalising revenge killing. It is sexist to suggest that slow-burning, impotent resentment is exclusively female: it is an emotion familiar to many sensitive, powerless men, some of whom go on to commit carefully planned murder. Should they be allowed this expanded defence of provoca-

tion, or is it reserved for women? Either way, what we would be saving is that victims people's cruelty are entitled to take the law into their own hands: if the cruelty was severe enough, then the crime is not murder, however

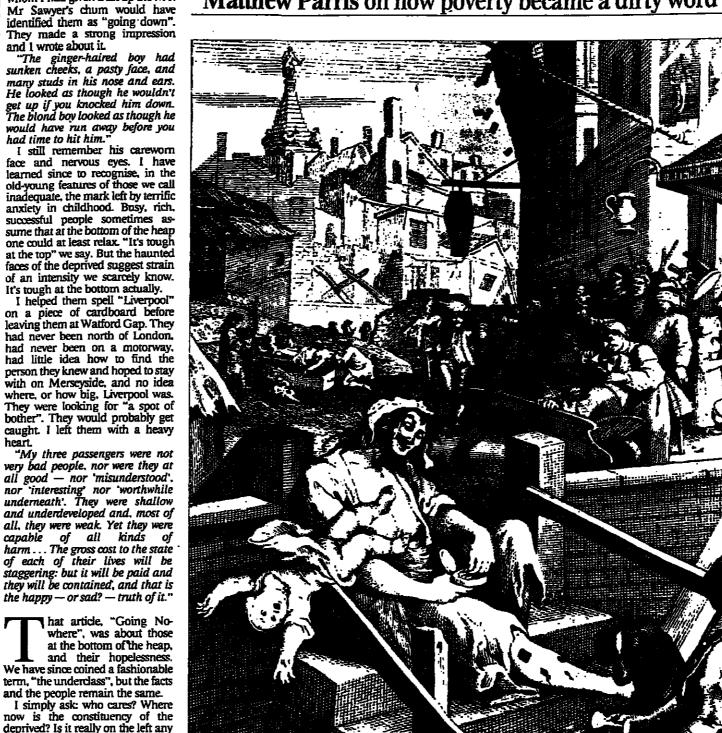
premeditated it was. There are two quite different problems which have become entangled in this debate. One is the victimisation of women by violent men. Protecting women from domestic violence is a matter of police attitudes and enforcement of the existing laws. It is a counsel of despair to say that the remedy for male brutality it is to licence wives to commit murder.

Susceptible to quicker remedy is the mandatory life sentence for murder which means that the battered wife who kills out of desperation is treated in the same way as the psychopathic serial killer. The reform which we need is one which would allow every murder and its mitigating circumstances to be treated as an individual case, whatever the murderer's gender.

# Both Labour and Tories ignore the underclass, the moral failure of our time

esterday in Blackpool, speaking for Labour's What shall we do National Executive Com-mittee, Tom Saywer told delegates what was wrong with their party. He quoted an engineering workmate: "Tom, we're going about the poor? up. Labour only cares about people going down." To win, we all chorus. Labour must change that. Seven years ago, when an MP, I wrote an article in The Times about three pathetic young hitchhikers to whom I had given a lift up the M 1.

Matthew Parris on how poverty became a dirty word



Hogarth's Gin Lane: our attitude to despair and depravity has changed little in two centuries

I say this — many would chall-enge it — in the belief that the state half the prisons and two-thirds of provision is a viable floor, for people who are able to stand, to stand upon. But social or psychological damage can leave people in too much of a mess to manage on what the state provides, use help, or take chances that may be offered. It is a depressing group to work with. Not — as a generalisation — nice people; not useful people. Unrewarding, not deserving or virtuous. Anything but ready to take advantage of an even break.

They are not, for the most part, satisfying as clients. Their lives are in pieces and their inadequacies are wrecking the lives of the children they beget and parent with helpless ahandon. I believe this is, in a necessarily imprecise way, a group identifiable by criteria other than

income alone. Perhaps 2 per cent of the population, they occupy three-quar-

the magistrates' courts. They take up much police time. They are an almost unbelievably expensive section of society, a running sore but in no sense life-threatening to the state. Anti-social and inadequate, they are not smart enough to cooperate, and much of their crime and aggression is directed at each other. These are the stuff of which smashed bus-shelters and battered children, not revolutions, are made. Spoilers not wreckers, we can live with them, chucking the aspirins of state welfare - free, bad housing and cigarette money at them - and hoping that indolence, stupidity and television, will keep them out of

too much harm. But is that all we can do? What are the limits to our generosity? In my estimation the charity of the British electorate would and will carry a few million of the weakest of

its countrymen — a few per cent. But it will not carry 10, 20, 30, 40 per cent. Those on the left who have tried to load more bodies in the welfare lifeboat than the vessel will bear deserve a share of the blame for the cold-hearted cynicism with which Britons now approach any claim on their conscience from those less advantaged than they.

If, now, we are to weigh what it would be practicable and affordable to do in order to break cycles of depravity and deprivation among the inadequates, we must start by making a clear distinction between underdass and lower class. Statistical sleights of hand which have pointed to that great mass of the population living on an income below the median line and called it "poverty", have done the most enormous injury to the very poorest. They have brought the whole concept of deprivation into disrepute, dragging it into the

twilight world of half-truth and political weaselry. Spokesmen from the poverty lobbies and politicians from the left are particularly to blame. Poverty lobbyists, often to reinforce their own status and careers, have tried to enlarge the constituency of what they call "the needy" or "desperate", hugely inflating its numbers to the point of discrediting the very words. If you stretch anything too wide, it breaks. Most Britons will not accept that (in their use of the term) a quarter, or a third, of their countrymen are

poor".
Socialist politicians have used the Trojan horse of "urgent need" to conceal their hidden ambitions for general income redistribution. There may be a case for further income redistribution: that is for ideological debate. But those on the left who have muddled wealth and equalisation with the argument about helping the small minority whose condition is truly pitiable. have done a real disservice to the weakest citizens of all: for the result has been that the British middle classes have heard the argument about poverty, noticed who is advancing it, smelt a rat, and looked away. Most, I judge, reject the argument for equalising society, but are ready to hear the argument for repairing an unequal society.

t is time for the Conservative party to repossess this argument. Ever since the post-war Labour victory, Tories have ceded to socialists the intellectual initiative over helping the poor. Put crudely, the thought has been that Labour are much in favour of it while the Tories are in favour, but not so much. Labour were there to be kind, the Tories to be careful. Nobody, it seemed, was there to think Labour have posited an ambition - and the Tories have halved it.

And the debate has been all about sums. The quality and strategy of the campaign has been defined mostly from the left, mostly in terms of straight cash handouts. It has slewed into general incomeredistribution, failed its beneficiaries and exhausted its benefactors, and come a terminal cropper. The left have now lost their authority (indeed the opposition have lost their interest) in this debate.

I think the Tories have a moral responsibility to revive it. To do so will anger libertarians and worry Treasury ministers but to both offer this thought. If, as I suggest, we can get away from the argument that there is a simple equation between income and need - the "neediest" being just the bottom x per cent - then we have escaped a welfare. The objection is that there is no natural limit to the relief of comparative poverty: but helping the poorest creates new demands all the way up the line, raising stakes but never removing "the

bottom x per cent". My thought is that we define our target group differently, and in more subtle ways, which must include delinquent or inadequate behaviour as well as the income of the individual or family. My further thought is that this group is quite distinctive, finite, and rather small, though helping it will be

enormously expensive per capita.

My final thought is that just giving such people money will solve little: many personalities will prove resistant or even intractable: that breaking the parent-child cycle of disorder will have to be a priority: and that some difficult judgments and possible infringements of liberty may arise ... not a programme just some thoughts. It is time they

# ...and moreover CRAIG BROWN

t was with the very greatest pleasure that I — Cruig Brown from North Essex. attended the Annual Dinner of Late-Night Phone-In-Callers, You can always be sure of a really lively interchange of topical opinions and forthright views at this annual night out.

As we entered the dining room. The Chief Barker yelled out our names and current opinions. "Charles from Islington!" he shouted as the gentleman two in front of me moved to the head of the queue. "Hates the ERM. would never trust a Gerry, wants to know frankly who won the war and can recommend household bleach as an effective stainremover!"

I noticed a slight hush as Charles from Islington trotted down the stairs into the diningroom. In the past few years, he has made quite a name for himself by expressing his frank and punchy views regularly on the Late-Night Phone-In Circuit. Indeed views of his such as "frankly, there must be something in this Loch Ness Monster thing" and "who does that Jacques Delors think he is, then?" have earned him the respect of all his fellow phoners.

Within seconds, the Chief Barker was on to the next guest. "Deirdre from Staines!" he bellowed. "Thinks British Rail an absolute disgrace, would never do the Queen's job. not for a million pounds and much preferred Mrs

Major as she was!' As you probably know. Deirdre from Staines is also something of a name to conjure with in the world of the phone-in. She got her big break at 3.15 in the morning

on LBC in September 1992. There was a temporary fault on the line to Richard from Woking. the then unknown Deirdre from Staines was given an amazing four minutes 15 seconds on how she would put the Great back in Britain, and the rest is history. Deirdre from Staines has now spoken on over 220 phone-ins nationwide, on subjects as diverse as the Channel Tunnel ("you wouldn't catch me in there. I can tell you") and Fergie ("frankly. I never felt comfortable with her, not ever") and she is currently putting the finishing touches to her views on South Africa ("high time they all got round a table and did something about it") for the forthcoming autumn season

of Call Nick Ross on Radio 4. The soup course went very smoothly, though Ken from Tring, the home of the phone-in, had strong opinions about the "crying need" for "a truly effective soup-spoon", and Rob from Aberdeen said that it was "a well known fact that at least 40 per cent of most soup is just water", suggesting that it was high time that this so-called government took effective action.

The main course - roast chicken and two veg - gave rise to a three-way discussion between Rob from Aberdeen, Deirdre from Staines and Charles from Islington on the rights and wrongs of factory farming. "Let's put the Great back into Britain," said Deirdre. "There must be something in this factory thing." out. Rob thought it high time this so-called government took effective action.

It was just as the cheese arrived ("I trust this cheese is pasteurised in strict accordance with govern-ment standards," said Charles) that I realised that everyone around the table was single. "I was married once, to June from Dulwich." said Ken from Tring. "But we couldn't agree on Britain's future in the ERM, so we thought it best to split. The children decided to go with June, but then they were always confirmed Euro-sceptics."

Deirdre from Staines had a similar take of woe. "It was the Channel Tunnel that did it for us," she told me, ruefully. "My exhusband - Stuart from Wisbech, you've probably heard him always claimed in the privacy of our own home that he fully supported my brave stand against this monstrous intrusion into our once-great island. But then I turned on the kitchen radio one morning and what did I hear? It was Stuart, calling from upstairs. declaring to Nick Ross that the Channel Tunnel was a triumph of technological know-how, a beacon for international goodwill. The minute he got off that phone, I was onto my lawvers. He's now seeing Peggy from Worksop, but everyone knows where she stands on EC farm subsidies, so I don't

"I'd never let anyone come between me and my opinions," nodded Rob from Aberdeen, "And if they did, I'd say it was high time this so-called governsaid Charles, sticking his neck ment took action."

give it long."

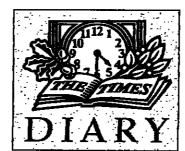
## And then there's wealth creation

BARONESS Thatcher's £9.5 million, revealed in the list of Britain's wealthiest women this week, may seem modest in comparison with the vast wealth of Britain's aristocracy. When one realises the fortune has been amassed almost exclusively since she left office less than two years ago, the sum becomes consid-

erably more impressive.
The Thatcher millions have not gone unnoticed among her former colleagues. One junior minister entertaining three bankers earlier this year griped over the brandy about the rapidly-growing Thatcher millions. His guests assumed he was discussing the Thatcher Foundation. "I mean the money in her own handbag," the minister retorted.

"The Thatcher Foundation, which for tax reasons is based in Switzerland, should not be confused with her personal wealth and earnings," says Kevin Cahill, who compiled the wealth list. Lady Thatcher's most loyal agent, her son Mark, is reported by local American papers to have sold his Dallas home and moved to Switzerland, where he has a penthouse apartment overlooking Lake Geneva. Yesterday Lady Thatcher's office refused to comment on the reports but the number they provided for Mark Thatcher's office in Dallas was out of operation. Lady Thatcher's office also refused to comment on her personal wealth and would not say in which country the former prime minister files her

income tax return. "It is a private matter," says a spokeswoman. Cahill says: "I have a huge map of the network showing who is paying the money to whom and how it is done. Most of Lady



US and the Far East". If she continues to earn at the rate she has done since leaving office - and some reports now suggest Lady Thatcher can earn £1 million in a single month - she will rapidly rise from her humble position at number 134 in the list. On current form expect her to overtake the Queen Mother sometime next year.

 Barbara Castle proved she has lost none of her celebrated fighting spirit as she arrived in Blackpool this week. Settling into the back of a taxi at the railway station, Baroness Castle, 81, directed the driver to her hotel. But the driver. with his meter switched off, insisted on trying to cram further passengers into the car. When Castle objected. her suitcases were dumped on the pavement and she was ordered out of the car. Castle may have mellowed with age, but not much. "Young man," boomed the unmistakable tones. "Put those bags back. Do as you are told. And do it now." More of the same followed in vintage Castle style and she was soon on her way without the additional passengers.

### Teachers' favourite

AS Neil Kinnock found a new role in Blackpool yesterday, Charles Clarke, his former chief aide, may also be about to find employment. Thatcher's funds come from the Clarke's name is being linked with the post of general secretary of the 31,000-strong Association of University Teachers. Diana Warwick stands down from the job tomor-

Clarke's main rival for the post is Neil Stewart, another former key figure in Kinnock's office. The two men have similar credentials, both having served as presidents of the National Union of Students. The burly Clarke is much in evidence in Blackpool this week, enjoying his first conference in many years without the burden of office and playing down talk of the AUT job. But sources insist that Clarke remains the favourite.

Since the election of John Smith, Clarke, who worked for Kinnock from 1981 and would have become chief-of-staff in Downing Street had Labour won, has been unemployed. He has talked of becoming a parliamentary lobbyist but many feel Clarke's bluff, no nonsense style would ideally suit him to the AUT job. John Patten has rejected the university teachers' pay deal and the new union leader, who will be appointed next month, will be on an inevitable collision course with the government - a position Clarke will surely relish.

### Out of sight . . .

THERE was some surprise among his guests last night that Jeremy Isaacs had chosen the London Fields gallery in Hackney rather than the plush surroundings of the Crush Bar at Covent Garden, to celebrate his 60th birthday. Perhaps his decision is more understandable in view of today's board meeting at the Royal Opera House which is due to consider the renewal of Isaacs' contract.

Angus Stirling, the chairman of Covent Garden, missed the party, detained by the first night of Fidelio at the House. Bamber Gascoigne was present, however, repre-

senting the board. But the question on most lips was would Isaacs take the opportunity to invite Peter Brooke, the new National Heritage Secretary? He had a difficult rela-tionship with David Mellor and the party could have helped to es-tablish better relations with his suc-cessor. "We are unaware of any invitation from Mr Isaacs," said a spokesman for Brooke yesterday.
"Do you think he is meant to Do you think he is meant to be

 Nigella Lawson and the journalist John Diamond took even close friends by surprise when they quietly wed in Venice on Friday. But the city is, after all, the romantic capital of Europe and as Lawson, the daughter of the former chancellor. was on holiday in Italy with her partner it seemed like a good idea.



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Yet the Italian authorities are not easily persuaded to marry foreign-ers and the Foreign Office felt it could not assist. So how did they do it? I persuaded them because I had lived in Italy as a teenager. says Lawson. The rumour that the couple had met in Venice may have helped, too. Friends say that over the copying machine at The Sun-day Times is probably a better bet

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# **ENDING THE EURO-SCHISM**

Two separate questions have become confused in Britain's post-devaluation debate over the economy and Europe. Should Britain ratify the Maastricht treaty? And should sterling rejoin the exchange-rate mechanism? These are best seen as distinct issues, but in the feverish atmosphere of last week's recall of Parliament, they have been rolled together into a crude litmus test: are you for or against "Europe"?

Even a few days have produced dire results. The cabinet and the Conservative party are splitting over irrelevancies instead of uniting to seize the opportunities presented by freedom from the ERM. A prime minister who not long ago won a great electoral triumph seems to be losing his grip

No miracle is needed to heal the great European schism, only some clear thinking. To pull his party and government back together Mr Major must recognise two realities. First, withdrawal from the ERM has transformed Britain's economic prospects. Secondly, life outside the ERM has transformed Britain's relationship with Europe and the significance of the Maastricht treaty for that relationship. Until September 16, ERM membership, Maastricht ratification and domestic monetary policy were bound together. This need no longer be so.

Mr Major owes the British people a referendum on the Maastricht accord. It would provide an excellent opportunity to air complex arguments about fixed exchangerates and federalism, subsidiarity and their economic impact.

The bad news is that he seems still implacably opposed to that course. The good news is that if he insists on helping his European partners by moving to ratify the Maastricht treaty, he can at least do so with the minimum further damage to the

During any ratification debate, fears about federalism encroaching on Britain's political sovereignty would have to be addressed separately through clearer definitions of subsidiarity and restrictions on central decision-making, as Denmark is

already demanding. Provided Mr Major made clear that he would not re-enter the ERM in the foreseeable future, ratification would have little or no effect on Britain's new freedom of economic manoeuvre.

The British government said from the beginning that its main objective in negotiating the treaty was to protect Britain from the excesses of Euro-federalist ambition. In principle, this was to some extent achieved through the opt-outs and restrictions on European Community competence painstakingly negotiated by Mr Major. But in practice, there were justifiable doubts about the possibility of exercising Mr Major's optouts, so long as Britain remained in the ERM. The Danish referendum also cast doubt on the adequacy of the safeguards against centralisation that Mr Major had demanded in the text of the treaty.

As long as the government believed that the pound must be stabilised for ever at its ERM parity of DM2.95, movement to-wards EMU was the only logical result, regardless of opt-outs. While Britain was in the ERM, therefore, ratification of Maastricht was rightly seen by both Euro-sceptics and Euro-enthusiasts as the decisive battle in which the future of Britain's relationship with Europe would be settled.

All of these calculations have now been transformed. Maastricht may still be critical to France, Germany and Belgium, but as long as sterling is kept outside the ERM, it is not so critical for Britain.

Once Mr Major has made an unequivocal promise that Britain will not rejoin the ERM in the foreseeable future, he can argue that Maastricht is no longer a crucial matter in itself. He would be acknowledging that ERM membership makes sense only as the penultimate step on the road to an irrevocable monetary and political union.

Mr Major must promise that sterling will not go back into any European currency system unless the people of Britain decide to be part of a federal European state. As the inadequate process of parliamentary ratification draws nearer, this promise should be the Euro-sceptics' price for ratifying the filleted corpse of Maastricht.

### **BEYOND OPTING OUT**

The opprobrium of the education world is piling up in John Patten's office following Friday's deadline for responses to his white paper on schools. Yesterday's opposition from the National Union of Teachers was only to be expected, but even the grantmaintained schools themselves have expressed doubts about the government's plans for a new framework for state education. Mr Patten put a brave face on his isolation yesterday when addressing a CBI conference on the white paper, but he will know better than anybody the extent of the criticism heaped on certain key proposals.

There is a danger, however, that the debate on the future of the education service will become merely a sterile exchange on the merits of opting out. However justified the criticisms of centralisation were, there is little doubt that opting out is here to stay. Labour almost admitted this soon after the election. though it may revert to a hard line in Blackpool this week. Although the expected avalanche of applications for grant-maintained status has yet to appear, the sector will be too large for any government to abolish by the time this Parliament has run its course. This government has a clear mandate to press ahead with opting out, and many schools are only waiting to hear the details of the new arrangements.

Opting out has to be made to work in tandem with the local education authorities if state schools are to meet the ambitious targets set by ministers. For good or ill, the days of a monolithic education system are over. Mr Patten tried in his white paper to piece together a system from the patchwork left by his predecessors, proposing to share responsibility in the delicate area of school admissions and forcing grant-maintained status on only those schools deemed to have failed under local authority stewardship. In trying to square the circle, however, he has created further uncertainty at a time when the education service yearns for nothing more than stability. Parents cannot be certain from year to year which body will control their children's destiny, and can have little confidence that organisations with little in common but mutual mistrust will be able to work together.

Mr Patten would do well to listen to the head teachers, who are lobbying for maximum control of their own budgets while education authorities survive, and a clean break where town halls have lost the confidence of most parents. Better such a solution than the lingering death envisaged for the authorities in the white paper. Shocked into action by the threat of opting out, many authorities once notorious for sloth and inefficiency are fast becoming the responsive, consumer-led organisations they should always have been. Opting out may still appeal to thriving, well-managed schools with parental expertise on tap, but others will be reluctant to sacrifice the knowledge and experience of local education officers. Indeed, the failing schools that will be forced to opt out under Mr Patten's proposals may be least able to do without such support.

If the white papers title of Choice and Diversity is to mean anything, both routes should be allowed. There is more consensus over education than meets the eye. The principles behind the national curriculum and greater management autonomy for schools are well accepted. What matters most for pupils is not the detail of the bureaucratic structure of the education system, but the restoration to state schools of a feeling of ownership and local pride.

# **NOUVELLE CUISINE ANGLAISE**

A bombe surprise is being dished up to the foodies of England today, with the decision by the The Good Food Guide to demote one of the Roux brothers' restaurants to a thirdclass rating. This will be as much of a shock to those Elysian pastures of classy browsing and sluicing, as though on an earthier pitch Newcastle United were to be demoted to the GM Vauxhall Conference - a cataclysm that has seemed possible in the past, though mercifully not so far this season.

The Roux brothers are the Frenchmen who formed part of a revolution in English attitudes to food 30 years ago. Before they came over, eating was often felt to be a shameful activity to be performed in the decent privacy of an Englishman's home or failing that in a hotel approximating as close as possible to the Englishman's home - in silence, with gravy, custard, over-stewed "greens" (a recipe invented for English false teeth and phobia about constipation), and other dismal appurtenances.

In the 1960s the Roux brothers and their peers introduced to Britain the novel notion that food was one of the pleasures of life, and that it is nowhere written down in Magna Carta que les anglais s'amusent tristement selon l'usage de leur pays. Two of their restaurants are the only two in Britain to be awarded the top mark of three stars by Michelin, the French Almanach de Gotha of the eating arts. One of these, the Waterside Inn at Bray, has today been downgraded by one of the freelance British food inspectorates set up in imitation of Michelin. As downgradings go, this is not as vertical

a fall as Lucifer's, being merely from

and Mike Oxlade, 47, Knight

"excellent cooking" to "a particularly fine example of very good cooking". But for the superstars of haute cuisine and their gourmet fans who are prepared to pay £100 for a three-course-meal before wine and fizzy water (and for the publicity machine and snobbery that keep them all simmering) this is a serious blow.

The changes in the British attitude to eating out over the past generation have been categorical and beneficial. Bistroeating has spread from Aberystwyth to Middlesbrough, and Britain has developed its own curry cuisine, as distinctive as the American Chinese. All but the most macho pubs (mainly in the West of Scotland) now serve bar snacks of considerable ambition. even though most of them, pace the advertisements, are heated up by microwave rather than home-cooked. Chips tasting of cardboard are no longer obligatory with everything, except in motorway service stations; and the obsession with health has vastly improved the British attitude to greens.

There is no need to go the whole hog with the French in treating food as a substitute for religion. Yet there is no love more sincere than the love of food. The British arritude to these things needs to be empirical and cool. as the French is theoretical and windily metaphysical. The improvement in British food, from the top, encouraged by cooks like the Roux brothers, to the lowliest greasy spoon café, is wholesome. But the uproar about subjective and spurious star-ratings of overpriced restaurants, visited mainly on expense accounts, leaves a sour taste.

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### Commonwealth library threat

From the High Commissioners for Uganda, Belize, Western Samoa, Cyprus and New Zealand and the Acting High Commissioner for

Sir. As High Commissioners representing different regions of the Commonwealth, we are dismayed that the Royal Commonwealth Society's Library is at risk and could be broken up and dispersed around the world because of the financial difficulties it faces.

We wish to state how important this unique collection is to all our countries and to the Commonwealth. It must be saved and placed in the public domain for ever. It is, quite simply, irreolaceable.

An appeal to save this unique collection will be launched tomorrow by Sir Patrick Sheehy and his fellow library trustees, and we urge that their efforts be met with firm financial support. We believe that the Commonwealth is a power for good in today's turbulent world - this library explains why.

Yours etc., GEORGE KIRYA (Uganda). ROBERT LESLIE (Belize), A. TOLEAFOA (Western Samoa), ANGELOS ANGELIDES (Cyprus). GEORGE GAIR (New Zealand). KHALID M. SHAFI (Acting High Commissioner, Pakistan),

Uganda High Commission. Uganda House. 58 Trafalgar Square, WC2. September 28.

### London clean-up

From Dame Shirley Porter

Sir, Making our cities clean, affordable and attractive to tourists is as important as any other long-term investment for the future prosperity of this country.

For when we emerge from recession I suspect that many people will prefer to spend their income enjoying themselves rather than buying assets which land them in debt and go down as well as up in value.

Tourism is London's biggest industry. Thousands of jobs and companies depend on it. Keeping cities clean isn't easy. It took ten years to turn the tide in Westminster. We ran campaigns for a cleaner city, provided more litter bins than anywhere else in the UK, sponsored our own acts of Parliament, launched the Perfect Street, and dozens of other schemes.

We enrolled schoolchildren, hoteliers, businesses and over 5,000 local citizens in a task force against litter. Now that the city is dean hopefully it can be kept clean.

The top priorities for the future must include improving public transport, providing more low-cost hotel accommodation and ensuring that our city looks attractive the whole year

This year's disastrous decision - or lack of co-ordination - to cloak major tourist attractions in unsightly hoardings during the peak summer season must never be repeated. If London is to win more tourists it must deserve to

Yours sincerely. SHIRLEY PORTER (Leader, Westminster City Council, 1983-91). 4 The Chambers. St James's Court Hotel, Buckingham Gate, SW1. September 15.

### Control of squirrels From Viscount Ridley

Sir, Your excellent leading article on squirrels ("Reds versus greys", September 9) deserves stronger support than that of your correspondent Mr Alan Morriss (letter, September 15). Writing from Sussex, he cannot have

seen many red squirrels. Here in Northumberland, almost the last refuge of the red squirrel in England, we still have a very high population of reds. Despite our numbers and an abundance of forestry the Northumberland Wildlife Trust knows of no example of damage to

The only real threat to the red is the grey, advancing north through Dur-ham and Cumbria and south from the Borders at about six miles a year. Once the grey arrives, the red inevitably disappears. We are waging a campaign to stem this alien tide and have aroused considerable public

Government promises of financial help for threatened native species by the last Secretary of State for the Environment and a willingness to listen to the need for new legislation to permit the selective and humane use of poison in the north of England and Scotland will be as valuable to our cause as was your timely leader.

RIDLEY (Patron, Northumberland Wildlife Trustl. House of Lords. September 15.

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### Issues of judgment and ethics raised by Mellor case the people, should know a little more From Mr William L. M. Conner

From the Master of St Catharine's College, Cambridge

Sir, In his comments on the Mellor affair Simon Jenkins asks (article, September 26), in relation to political "freebies", whether the invoice of every ministerial holiday (and every civil service one) is now to be scrutinised for years past. The answer, surely, is that they ought to be.

For two years the incompetence and dogmatism of this government have imposed the most horrendous suffering on the British people. The hundreds of thousands who have lost jobs and businesses and homes, who have been reduced to penury and insecurity, so that they cannot afford to live decent lives, let alone holiday for four weeks in Marbella, are entitled to ask that those who have thrust them into distress should live lives of some sobriety, and not revel in luxury and

waste - at no matter whose expense. In an earlier letter (July 24) 1 suggested that any escape from the government's economic misjudgments and doctrinaire politics would necessitate ministers acting honourably to help their country. I was wrong. They have changed course

without honour. They may now wish to hang on to their jobs at no matter what cost to their dignity and reputation, or to Britain's international standing. But they could at least be seen to comport themselves with some material re-

straint. Yours faithfully, BARRY SUPPLE, The Master's Lodge. St Catharine's College, Cambridge. September 26.

From Mr John Mendes

Sir, Now that the unfortunate Mr Mellor has fallen on his sword is it not time that we buried once and for all the quaint notion that a public man's private life is no concern of the public? Senior politicians have the power to

make radical changes to the way of life of millions of their fellow citizens. Is it really so much to ask that in return we,

about the life-styles of our political masters than they care to reveal in their smug election literature with the photographs of the ever-smiling wife and obligatory 2.8 children? There is a price to pay for success in

almost every field of human endeavour and the price for the ambitious, high-profile politician is that he must sacrifice much personal privacy. If he cannot make this sacrifice, and blames all his misfortunes on the small-format newspapers, he should seriously consider Harry Truman's advice about the

Yours faithfully, JOHN MENDES, 1 Lower Street, Cavendish, Suffolk. September 24.

From Miss Jane Killick

Sir. The Bishop of Peterborough's article (September 25) praising the courage of David Mellor must be welcomed by many. If other leading churchmen had expressed such views over the last few months, perhaps we would not have lost a "secretary of state committed to and with a deep understanding of the arts" fletter,

Yours faithfully, JANE KILLICK, 32 Bridge Street. Hadleigh, Ipswich, Suffolk. September 25.

From Mr Alan Ducker

Sir. The Bishop of Peterborough says that ... the only question which should have been asked about Mr Mellor is the one about his abilities and effectiveness as a minister and member of cahiner".

I beg to differ. Mr Mellor was sent to Parliament in a position of trust. He has been shown as untrustworthy, not least to his family. That's why he had

Yours faithfully. A. B. DUCKER. 3 Allenby, Lansdown Road, Bath, Avon.

Sir. The Bishop of Peterborough writes of "the doubtful moral attitude of a country without religion" and of the "fit of public morality" that brought down Mr Mellor.

When a bishop uses such terms in a matter of this kind, what hope is there for the survival of either Christian or family values in our nation?

Yours faithfully, WILLIAM CONNER. 60 Elm Park Road. Chelsea, SW3 September 26.

From the Headmaster of the Purcell School

Sir, I was at the Yehudi Menuhin School last weekend when Mr David Mellor addressed those of us attending the biennial specialist music seminar. I am sure that many of my colleagues will share my frustration and dismay that so able a man has been forced to resign as a result of being pilloried by some of the tabloid

I was impressed by Mr Mellor's knowledge of the musical world, his quick perception of the key issues and his determination to champion the cause of the arts in this country. His departure is a serious blow.

Yours faithfully. JOHN BAIN (Headmaster), The Purcell School. Oakhurst, Mount Park Road, Harrow on the Hill. Middlesex. September 25.

From Mr David Matthews

Sir, By comparing his departure to Captain Oates's sacrifice (report, September 26) is Mr Mellor predicting the same fate for the government as befell Captain Scott's expedition?

Yours faithfully, DAVID MATTHEWS. 88 Avondale Road. South Croydon. Surrey. September 28.

## Coming to the defence of scientific research councils

From Ms Joanna M. Tudor

Sir. Dr K. A. McLauchlan, FRS, refers to a lack of democracy in the research councils (letter, September 17). The scenario he describes is certainly not true for the way grants committees ment Research Council (NERC).

Between four and ten referees are approached for each application. depending on the size of the grant requested. Applicants are invited to nominate two of these.

The remaining referees are identified by committee secretaries, who are scientifically qualified in the subject areas of their committees and who use an extensive database as well as advice from all the members of their commit-

Selection of chairmen and committee membership within the NERC is not entrusted to research council officers and committee chairmen. Nominations emerge as a result of a long and well established consultative process and appointments are made by council

Dr McLauchlan also suggests that eminent scientists who spend a lot of time overseas are unable to serve on

committees. Most of our UK committee members are working scientists. who enjoy international respect and travel abroad frequently. Grants meetings occasionally have to be missed, but in these cases written comments are normally provided.

It is also our policy to include overseas representatives on grants committees to ensure that applications are judged from an international

Yours sincerely. JOANNA TUDOR (Committee Secretary, Higher Education Affairs). Natural Environment Research Council. Polaris House, North Star Avenue, Swindon, Wiltshire.

From Professor A. R. Fersht, FRS

Sir, It is neither fair nor productive to make a blanker condemnation of the research councils. The Medical Research Council, for example, is a model institution. The boards, which are responsible for the review of

grants, consist quite simply of the best scientists available, who appear to be chosen on grounds of quality rather than geopolitics. The administrators are knowledge-

able, enthusiastic PhDs. Those who deal with the management of grants are generally younger ones who have only recently left research and are well aware of the needs of scientists. I have had just a passing acquaint-

ance with the Agriculture and Food Research Council. Its director is still one of the most productive and outstanding active scientists in the country and its scientific board appears to be well chosen. Those organisations are relatively

small. It was most fortunate that recent proposals to merge the research councils fell through. A monolithic single research council could well have the deficiencies noted by Dr McLauchlan.

Yours faithfully, ALAN FERSHT. Cambridge University Chemical Laboratory. Lensfield Road, Cambridge.

### Court independence

From Mr J. A. Davis

Sir, As the former justices' clerk of a magistrates' court shown to be one of the four most cost-effective in outer London, I am seriously concerned that the criteria which govern the budgets of magistrates' courts committees (MCCs) may have an adverse effect upon judicial independence.

These budgets are based 60 per cent on caseload (over which committees have no control), 25 per cent on effectiveness in fine enforcement, 10 per cent on control of delay (both the latter can be affected by decisions in the courtroom) and 5 per cent on quality of service.

Assessment of them depends on a set of Whitehall-compiled management statistics which are remarkedly deficient in quality control or clear sense of purpose - for example, in the measurement of "quality of service". no attempt is made to identify the "customer" and defendants and witnesses are indiscriminately lumped

together under this heading. MCCs are supposedly being retained to ensure that courts do not come under executive domination. Yet some are now training magistrates into an awareness of the effect on these budgets of their courtroom decisions. Others are basing the frequency of magistrates' sittings upon whether or not they claim expenses.

According to a consultation docu-ment issued by the Lord Chancellor's Department, the committees are soon to be policed by an inspectorate which, to quote Whitehall, "will not be at arm's length from the Department". It will also have the power to impose conditions which could lead to the removal by the Lord Chancellor of both MCCs and justices' clerks. The independence of our magistrates' courts, which deal with 95 per

cent of all criminal cases, may thus be

remember that, at one time, the

bribing of judges became a scandal.

Part of the cure was to pay a salary.

Some are known to have declined

judicial appointment because they

were unwilling to accept the financial

penalty involved. The planned

changes to judicial pensions to which

Lord Ackner refers will make matters

worse. If the trend is not stopped and

reversed this country will get a second-

rate judiciary, made up of those who

were not good enough to succeed at

the Bar. What will the position be in

ten or 20 years' time? It is unthinkable

that a judge should accept a bribe.

11 South Square, Gray's Inn. WC1.

Could it never happen again?

Yours faithfully.

S. GRATWICK.

which removed temptation.

at serious risk. Yours faithfully JOHN DAVIS. 54 Woodlands Road,

Bookham, Surrey. many years later. They should also

### **Judges' pensions**

From Mr Stephen Gratwick. QC

Sir, Lord Ackner's letter (September 25) should serve as a red light to those who propose to implement the Judicial Pensions and Retirement Bill, whose provisions he describes as a reduction in salary for judges and "parsimonious". I know of no walk of life in which the ultimate promotion is accompanied by severe financial penalty. The cabinet minister is paid more than the backbencher, yet the judge is far worse off after his appointment than he was at the Bar, and incomparably worse off than his coequals in industry or the professions.

Those who govern should never forget that there is an inertia in the affairs of mankind: the change made today may not show its full effect until **Boarding schools** 

From Mr James Waghorn

Sir, "Constant pleading to be allowed to board" is not, in itself, a justification for sending a young child to boarding school (Clare Hampson's letter. September 25). Moreover, children should be able "to be who they really are" within the context of their own family and home community without resorting to an artificial society for so much of their childhood.

ours faithfully. JAMES WAGHORN. Southwark, Cargreen. Saltash, Cornwall. September 26.

From Miss Isabel Mant

Sir, I read Bronte Flecker's defence of boarding schools with interest (letter. September 25). I imagine that she knows as little about my state comprehensive and sixth-form college education as I do about hers at Mariborough.

The point is that her "wealth of opportunities", as described, sound exactly like mine. What this has to do with boarding is not clear to me.

Yours faithfully, ISABEL MANT (student). Varndean Sixth-form College. Surrenden Road, Brighton, East Sussex.

From Mr Christopher Boulter

Sir, Mr E. G. F. Johnson writes (September 25) of the nomenclature of siblings in prep school, i.e., maximus, major, minor and minimus. I had always thought major. minor, tertius, quartus, quintus, sextus et al was the norm.

Yours faithfully. CHRISTOPHER BOULTER, Magistrates' Clerk's Office. Law Courts. County Civic Centre, Mold, Clwvd. September 28,

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### **COURT CIRCULAR**

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

September 28: The Prince Edward, Trustee of The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today opened the Haking International Centre, Welwyn Garden City.

His Royal Highness was re-ceived by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Hertfordshire (Mr Simon Bowes Lyon). Mrs Richard Warburton was in

The Princess Royal, President, International Equestrian Federation, this afternoon held an Executive Board Meeting at Windson

Her Royal Highness this evening attended the opening sess of the Consultation on "The Ric Conference: Questions for Britain" followed by a Dinner at St George's House, Windsor Castle. KENSINGTON PALACE

September 28: The Prince of Wales today visited Suffolk and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Suffolk (Sir

Joshua Rowley, Bt).
His Royal Highness amended an Agricultural Show at Winston, held on the occasion of the visit to the United Kingdom of the Euro-pean Community Agriculture

Ministers, followed by Lunch at Helmingham Hall. Commander Richard Aylard

was in attendance This afternoon The Prince of Wales departed from Royal Air Force Wattisham for a visit to Rome and Bologna.

Mr Peter Westmacott is in

The Princess of Wales this morning visited the West London Day Centre for single homeless and rootless people at 136 Sey-mour Place, London W1. Mr Patrick Jephson was in

KENSINGTON PALACE September 28: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon this afternoon visited the Decorex International 1992 Exhibition at

Syon Park, Brentford. The Lady Glenconner was in THATCHED HOUSE LODGE September 28: Princess Alexandra, Vice-President, and Sir Angus

Crisis Fund of the British Red Cross at the London Hilton, Park The Lady Mary Mumford was in attendance.

Ogilvy this afternoon attended a Luncheon in aid of the Care in

### Today's royal engagements

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Guinness Trust, will visit the trust's housing estate at Stamford Hill at 11.20.

The Princess Royal, as Master of the Loriners' Company, will attend a trade liaison and finance committee meeting at Aldermen's Court. Guildhall, at 9.30; as Patron of the Adult Literacy and Basic Skills Unit, will attend the annual conference at Glaziers' Hall at 12.45; will attend a presentation given by the Royal Naval Presentation Team at St James's Palace at 6.15 for the White Ensign Association; and, as President of Registered Engineers for Disaster Relief, will attend the annual working dinner for vicepresidents at the Institution of Civil Engineers at 8.00.

Princess Margaret will attend a reception given by the Air League at the RAF Club at 6.30.

The Duke of Gloucester will open Staunton Way, Leigh Park, Hav-ant, at 11.25; will visit the Havant Housing Association, Maple House, Leigh Park, at 11.55; will open the new Park Community School, Leigh Park, at 12.15; and will open the new Southamoton City Youth Training Centre, 18 Melbourne Street, Southampton,

The Duchess of Kent will open The Garden, a new house for girls at Repton School, at 10.50; will visit the headquarters of the Disabled Persons Housing Service in Derby at noon; will open the Eagle Centre covered market and shop-ping centre in Derby at 12.35; and will visit the Royal School for the Deaf, Derby, at 1.10.

### Memorial services

The Right Rev John Trillo The Lord Lieutenant of Essex attended a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of the Right Rev John Trillo held yesterday in Chelmsford Cathedral. The Bishop of Chelmsford officiated and the Right Rev Thomas Mc-Mahon, Roman Catholic Bishop of Brentwood, led the prayers.

Mr David Trillo, son, and Canon Gordon Hewitt read the lessons. The Right Rev Derek Bond gave an address.

The Bishop of St Albans, the Bishop of Derby, the Bishop of Colchester, the Bishop of Barking, the Right Rev John Gibbs, the Right Rev R.N. Coote, the Right Rev James Roxburgh, the Right

Rev James Adams, the Archdeacon of Colchester, the Archdeacon of Southend, the Archdeacon of Barking, the Ven Peter Bridge, the Dean of Bristol, the Provost, Chapter and nonresidentiary canons of Chelmsford Cathedral and the Chancellor and the Registrar of the Chelmsford Diocese were robed and in the

The High Sheriff of Essex, the Chairman of Essex County Councal, the Mayor and Mayoress of Chelmsford and the Deputy. Mayor of Colchester attended.

Mrs Ursula Thorpe

A memorial service for Mrs Ursula Thorpe was held yesterday at St Andrew's, Limpsfield Chart, Surrey. The Rev Sally Leeson officiated, assisted by the Rev Desmond Parsons.

His Honour Arthur Cohen read the lesson and the Bishop of Coventry gave an address.



yesterday in the British fashion awards. The costumes were created by (from left) John Richmond, Vivienne Westwood, Rifat Ozbek and Catherine Walker

### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Tintoretto, painter, Venice, 1518; Miguel de Cervantes author of Don Quixote, Alcala de Henares, Spain, 1547; François Boucher, painter, Paris, 1703; Robert Clive, Baron Clive of Plas-sey, Styche, Shropshire, 1725; Horatio Nelson, Viscount Nelson, Burnham Thorpe, Norfolk, 1758. DEATHS: Émile Zola, novelist, Paris, 1902; Winslow Homer,

painter, Prours Neck, Maine, 1910: William Einthoven, phy-sician, pioneer of electro-cardiog-raphy, Nobel laureate 1924: Leiden, Netherlands, 1927: Bruce Bairnsfather, cartoonist, Worcester, 1959; Carson McCullers, nov-elist, Nyack, New York, 1967; W.H. Auden, poet, Vienna, 1973. Richard II, reigned 1377-99, was deposed by Henry Bolingbroke (Henry IV), 1399. The London police, remodelled by Sir Robert Peel, began duty, 1829. Munich

agreement was signed 1938.

### Clockmakers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Clockmakers' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr J.R. Cope; Senior Warden, Mr J.N.W. Smith; Renter Warden, Mr SJ. Thornton: Junior Warden. Air Vice-Marshal P.A. Latham.

### Constructors' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Constructors' Company for the ensuing year:

Master, Mr Richard Rooley: Se-Marlen, Mr Peter Olley; Middle Warden, Mr Denis Black-burn; Renter Warden, Mr Philip Everett; Junior Warden, Mr Rob-

### Latest wills

Sir Charles Barnard Groves, of north London, conductor, left estate valued at £280,142 net.

Captain John Cecil Cartwright, RN, of Sydling St Nicholas, Dor-set, a former ADC to the Queen and Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod to the Parliament of Northern Ireland, left estate valued at £103.529 net.

Lieutenant Colonel Walter George Hingston, of Ramsbury, Wiltshire, soldier and author, left estate valued at £360,448 net.

Mr Jack Po er, of Addington, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,175,925 net.

### **Birthdays** today

Professor Sir Norman Anderson,

MICHAEL POWEL

QC, former director, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London University, 84: Signor Michelan-gelo Antonioni, film director, 80; Air Marshal Sir David Atkinson, 68; Lord Avebury, 64; Lord Justice Balcombe, 67; Mr Richard Bonynge, conductor, 52; Mr Chris Broad, cricketer, 35: Mr Sebastian Coe, MP and former athlete, 36; Mr Gareth Davies, rugby player, 36; Mr John Dawes, rugby coach, 52; Professor Dorothy Emmet, philosopher, 88; Miss Greer Garson, actress, 84; Mr Carl Giles, cartoonist, 76: the Very Rev Andrew Herron, former Moderator of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, 83; Miss Patricia Hodge, actress, 46; Professor R.V. Jones, natural philosopher, 81; Mr H.N.L. Kes-wick, chairman, Matheson and Company, 54; Mr Jimmy Knapp, trades unionist, 52: Viscount Lambert, 80; Mr Murray McLaggan, Lord Lieutenant of Mid Glamor-gan, 63: Dr Colin Niven, headmaster, Alleyn's School, 51; Canon Paul Oestreicher, former chairman, British section, Amnesty International, 61; Sir Michael Partridge, civil servant, 57; Mr David Steele, cricketer, 51; Mr Peter Stormonth Darling, chair man. Mercury Asset Management Group. 60; Mrs Phyllis Taylor, educationist, 66; Dr Morag Timbury, director, Central Public Health Laboratory, 62; Mr Lech Walesa. President of Poland, 49.

### Luncheons

Sheriffs of the City of London Mr Alderman and Sheriff Roger Cork and Mr Sheriff Anthony Moss received the guests at the Sheriffs' breakfast held yesterday at Plaisterers' Hall. Lord Benson, Judge Verney, Mr Alderman Neil Young and Mr John R. Perring were among the speakers. Others present included:

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The Hon Peter Brooke, MP, Lord Mais,
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Mr Justice Garland, The Queen's
Remembrancer, the Right ReLeonard Ashton, the President of the
Law Society, members of the Court of
Aldermen and Court of Common
Council, masters of livery companies,
former sheriffs and officers of the
Corporation of London

Royal Over-Seas League Mr Gary Stokes, acting Agent-General for Western Australia, and Mrs Stokes were the guests of honour at a luncheon given by the Royal Over-Seas League at Over-Seas House, St James's, yesterday. Mr Peter McEntee, chairman, and members of the Central

### Service dinner

Council were the hosts.

**RAF Club Dining Society** Mr Donald Trelford, Editor of The Observer, was the guest of honour at a dinner of the RAF Club Dining Society held last night at the club the club.

### Meeting

Royal Over-Seas League Mrs Lesley Roberts, Director of the Anti-Slavery Society International, was the guest speaker at a meeting of the discussion circle of the Royal Over-Seas League held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's.

Mr William Welsh presided.

# **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr P.N. Abbott and Miss C.L. Collingwoo

The engagement is announced between Paul, second son of Mr Michael Abbott, of Wandsworth, London, and Mrs Anne Sudlow. of Thursley, Surrey, and Claire, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs John Collingwood, of Churt.

Mr A.C. Barklam and Miss G.E.S. Hillian

The engagement is announced between Anthony, younger son of Mr and Mrs Roger Barklam, of Odiham, Hampshire, and Grace, elder daughter of Mr Michael Hilliar, of Carrickmines, Dublin and Mrs Neil Campbell-Sharp, of Manton Wiltshire

M S.B.D. Bourcan and Miss L.M. Pulvertaft The engagement is announced between Stanislas, elder son of M and Mme Victor Boureau, of Brittany, France, and Lucy, younger daughter of Rear Admiral and Mrs David Pulvertaft, of

Devon. Mr I.A. Collins

and Miss S.J. Nicholson The engagement is announced between Ivan, son of Mr and Mrs Derek Collins, of Penshurst, Kent. and Sarah, youngest daughter of the late Mr P.J. Nicholson and of Mrs Moira Nicholson, of Sundridge, Kent.

Mr S. Culpeper
and Miss C. Turney
The engagement is announced
between Steven, only son of Mr
and Mrs R.W. Culpeper, of

Harrow, Middlesex, and Caroline, only daughter of Mr and Mrs V.G.K. Turney, of Walton-on-Thames, Surrey. Mr C.S. Dymock and Miss E.V. Snape

The engagement is announced between Craig only son of Mr Eric Dymock and Mrs Frances Jacobs and Emma, younger daughter of the late Mr Donald Snape, ARIBA, and of Mrs Margaret Snape, of Bournemouth, Dorset. Captain R.A. Ross-Smith and Miss B.A.B. McCullough

The engagement is announced between Russell Ross-Smith, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment, son of Mr and Mrs A. Ross Smith, of Edinburgh, and Bernadette, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Andrew McCullough, of Windsor. Berkshire.

Mr P.S. Rush and Miss H.L. Brown

The engagement is announced between Philip Stephen Rush, of Ballarat, Victoria, Australia, and Helen Lucy, youngest daughter of Mr and Mrs H. Colin Brown, of Abbotsmeadow, Gattonside, Melrose, Roxburghshire. Dr C. Sirtori

and Miss S. Edmonds

The engagement is announced between Carlo, son of Dr P.G. and Dr.E. Siriori, of Milan, Italy, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs

Mr L.H.V. Thynne and Miss A.T. Sibley The engagement is announced between Lucien, son of the late Lord Valentine Thynne and of Mrs Peter Learmond, of Kensington. London, and Alice, daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Sibley, of Deep Water Bay, Hong

Mr A.H. Westropp and the Hon Victoria Watson and the Hon Victoria Watson
The engagement is announced
between Anthony Henry, younger
son of the late Colonel L.H.M.
Westropp and of Mrs Westropp, of
Wye, Kent, and Victoria Monica,
youngest daughter of Lord and
Lady Manton, of Houghton Hall,
Sancton, York Sancton, York.

### Marriages

The Hon Alexander Baring and Miss L.C. Fraser

The marriage took place at the Church of Holy Cross, Binsted, Hampshire, on September 26, of the Hon Alexander Baring, younger son of Lord Ashburton and the Hon Mrs Susan Baring, to Miss Lucy Fraser, youngest daughter of General Sir David and Lady Fraser. The Bishop of Winchester, assisted by the Rev

William Rogers, officiated. The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Algernon Lendrum, Jack Linehan, Aurea Baring and Juliet Nicolson. Mr Randle White was best man.

A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

### Mr R.B. Henderson and Miss C.M. Jeans

The marriage took place on The marriage took place on Saturday, September 26, 1992, at St John the Baptist. Pewsey, Wiltshire, of Mr Robert Henderson, elder son of the late Mr T.B. Henderson and of Mrs Elizabeth Henderson of Rhu. Dumbartonshire, and Miss Carriona M. Jeans, daughter of the late Rev R. Jeans and of Mrs Jeans, of Donhead, Shaftesbury, Dorset. The Rev Colin Fox officiated.

The bride was given away by her brother Mr Richard Jeans and was attended by Miss Elspeth Jeans and Jessica Hibbert.

A reception was held at The Manor, Pewsey, and the honeymoon is being spent abroad.

### Mr A.W. Price and Miss D.E. Iorizzo

The marriage took place on July 14, 1992, quietly in London, of Mr Anthony William Price, third son of Dr Francis and Dr Celia Price, of Little Tew. Oxfordshire, to Miss Dolones Estella Ionzzo, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Luciano Iorizzo, of Oswego. New York.

### Dinner

National Liberal Chib The Bishop of Coventry was the

guest of honour and speaker at a dinner of the Political and Economic Circle of the National Liberal Club held last night at the Mr Philip Watkins was in the

chair and Mr Terence Gleed Richards, chairman of the club. P.J.K. Edmonds of Norfolk daying also spoke. The Hon Kenneth Thorpe were among those present.

### Andrew Breach

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Andrew Breach will be held at Bristol Cathedral on Thursday October 15, 1992, at noon.

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BIRTHS

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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### BIRTHS

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ELL - On September 25th 1992, at home, to Janet (née Spurgin) and Stuart, a son, Julian Charles, a brother for Aaron and Flome.

isabel Rose. LUTTRELL - On Septe 26th, to Pauline and Bobby, a beautiful daughter, Madeleine Louise Fownes. MUIR - On Thursday September 24th, to Caroline September 24th, to Caroline tole Robertson) and Jamel. a daughter, bobel Ruby.

NAIDOO - On September 20th, to Nancy unde Aster) and Sean, a daughter, Cara May

JOHN.BUDD - The marriage took place on 25th Seplember between Adam Saint John and Donna Sara Budd, at 5t Martin's Church. Dorking.

LEGGETT: KEENAN - On Seplember 26th, at St Peter's Church. Harishorne, Craham Robert Legget to Rebecca Jame Keepan. The honeymoon will be spent abroad.

GOLDEN **ANNIVERSARIES** 

September 29th 1942 at Bishopwearmouth Church, Sunderland, Thomas Calliman to Aline Jegunette. DEATHS BROCKLEBANK - On September 28th 1992. Beatrice Gresley, peacefully at home, aged 92. Funeral to take place at 12 noon on Thursday October 1st at St Mary's, Stoke by Nayland. Suffolk.

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Salisbury Street. Blandford
Forum, Dorset DT11 7AU,
tel: (0268) 453133. ROSE - On September 26th 1992, to Elizabeth and Peter: RUTHERFORD

DAS GUPTA - On September 23rd at home, Susti Kumar. Husband to Cottige Das Gupta. Father of Susti, Anti., Hiren, Romen, Noresh. Rita and Liz. Crarefather of Jasim. Carlot, Sasha. Pable and Thomas.

DAVEY - On September 24th 1992, peacefully, Frederick (Humphrey). Father of Hannah and Toby, Fumeral on Friday October 2nd at 12 noon in Wantage, Details from (02367) 72205.

CALOWEIL-SARITH - On September September 24th 1992.
Josephine (née Holmam) aged 93 years. Dear mother of Pam, Jean, Gavin, Elspeth and a much loved grandmother and great grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral Service at Poole Crematorium on October Sth at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only but donations if desired for Cheshire Homes, may be forwarded to Colin J Close, Fumeral Service, 18 Salisbury Street, Blandford Forum, Dorset UT11 7AU.

EDGERLEY - On September 26th 1992, peacefully in Tuity, Queenshad, Australia Alle, beloved wife of Leo. The family were with her.

GOATLY - On September 24th. In a boating accident near Sydney, N.S.W., Robert Duval. Son of John and Frixie. Husband of Erica. Formerty husband of Elspeth. Father of Kate, Michael. Joanna. Rosalind. and Thomas. Much loved. Aged 42.

GORDON - On September 25th 1992, suddenly at home aged 55. Dearly loved husband of March stepfalling to Samuel. Matthew and 1Loyd. Alistair Macadam ME, ChB. FRCParti. Consultant Microbiologist to Matthewallanthy Lanth Detroted and Consultant Adicrobiologist to Medway Health District and Honary Sentor Lacturer Sit Thomas Hospital Medical School Funeral at Medway Crematorium. Thursday October 1st. 10.30 am. Family flowers only. donations to Gordon Research Memorial Fund.

HARRIES - On September 27th 1992 at Astronomous Nursing Home, near Totnes, Dorts May, aged 96 years, widow of the Reverend A.H. Harries, a much loved mother of Dick and Robin, Funeral Service at Torquay Cremaiorium on Friday October 2nd at 10.30 am. Family flowers only.

HASELHURST On September 25th 1992, suddenty in Radwalls Residential Home. John Shand, aged 74, beloved husband of the late Betry, much loved father or Peter and len, and grandpa of Adam, Laura, James. Beth, Royy and Jessica. Pimeral at St. John's Church. Sandiway, on Thambay October let at 1pm followed by cremation at 2pm at Walton Les Crematorium. No flowers please but donations it destred to The Imperial Cancer Research Fund. HASELHURST

LING - On September 27th, Donald C.K. Ling M.Sc., Dip.Est.Man.) F.R.I.C.S., F.R.V.A., A.C.I.Arb., Chartered Surveyor, Chairman of the Middlesen and Urban Branch of the R.I.C.S., suddenly at Mount Vernom Hospital. Will be missed and always loved by his wire June and his children Eistne, Stephen and Nicholas. MACPHERSON OF CLUMY On Monday September 28th, peacefully at Bembridge, Elsa, beloved wife of the late Francis Cameron Macpherson of Clum, lowing mother and orandomother. mother and grandmother. Funeral private. Memorial Service in Somerset to be amounced later.

MALLEN - On September 26th, Corinne (née Cashmore), beloved wife of Tony, gencefully at Richmond, Yorkshire, after a marefully short Illness courageously fought, Funeral private. No flowers or telephone calls, please.

MATHIAS - On September 27th 1992. David Frederick Archibaid, of Moontouse, in his 90th year, peacefully after a long struggle. Dearly leved by his wife Kay and his children Robert, Jonathan, Katherine, Diane and Caroline and grandchildren Jamie, Mia, William and Kaile. Private cremation, Thanksgiving Service at St. Peter's Church, Limpsheid, Burrey, Friday October 9th, Spm. Donations if desired to RNIB or Surrey Voluntary Association for the Bilind may be sent to W, Hodges & Co., 37 Quaker Hall Lane, Sevenoaks, Kent.

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2nd at 12.30 pm. followed by a private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations M desired to R.N.L.L. c/o The Treasurer. 42 Headroompaie Road. St. Annes. Lancs. or The Preston Branch of Relate. All enquiries to M. Rawcliffe. (0263) 735269. KINGDOM - On September 15th, soddenly at home in Budleigh Salter ton, Margaret Kingdom S.R.N., S.C.M., formerly Chief Nursing Officer, Barnet Group of Hospitals, Much loved state of Joyce and aunt of Elizabeth. Charlotte and Jason. Funeral has taken place. Donations in her memory to: The Nurses League, Royal Devon and Exeter Hospitals, c/o J.W. Palmer Funeral Directors, 48 High Street, Budleigh Salterton. Devon EX9 GLF.

loving grandmother. Private cremation. Memorial Service Dunfermline Congregational and St Paul's Church, Satur-

SHAPLAND - On September 25th 1992. Major John Muurice Shaphand, aged 91 years. Husband of the lata Norah and a loved father: grandfather and groad-grandfather. Cressalion at Tumbridge Weils on Friday October 2nd at 2 pm. Donslons, if desired, to Covant Garden Opera Company c/oc. Waterhouse & Sons, High Street, Rawwash, E. Sz. tel. (0435) 882219.

STANDEN - On Seturi September 26th, peaceth in St Catherine's Hospic Crawley, Ruth, much low Crawley, Ruth, much loves, wife of Bernard and mother of Carol and Jennifer. Funeral Service at Trinty Methodist Church, East Grinsteid, on Friday October 2nd at 1.30 pm, followed by cremation at the Surrey and Sussex Crematorium.

cremation at the Surray and Sussex Crematorium, Crawiey. Family flowers only. Domations if desired to St Catherine's Hospice, Crawley c/o Prancis Chappell & Sons & Grand Parade, High Street, Crawley. Sussex RH10 IBU.

STUTCHBURY - On Saturday, September 26th, suddenly, and peacefully while on holiday at his brother David's home in France, Wycliffe William

VEIRA - On September 27th. suddenly in Jamaica, Jame (née Stolberger). Much loved and much missed by her brothers. eithers by her brothers. eithers by her brothers and nioces and her many friends in Jamaica.

WARDLE - On September 27th, peacefully at home. Lizzia, aged 30, dearly loved youngest daughter of Pat and Brism and sister of Sally and Alex. Fomeral S. John's Church. Alresford, Hamb., 2pm Thursday October 1st. Flowers to Langton House, Alresford SO24 9EM.

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FLETCHER - On September 24th, at Solthuil Hospital, to Jennifer (née Clastron-Smith) and Christopher. a son, James William, a brother for Mary.

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# **DEATHS**

RESTON - On September 24th, at Queen Mary's. Rochampton, to Rosailed and David, a daughter. Cella Rose, a sister to Angur Edward.

CAROUSEE - On Sunday September 27th, suddenly at home to Chios, D.C. (Takis), Will be greatly missed by his wife, children and grandchidren. Funeral to be followed by buriel in Chios at 11.30 am on Wednesday September 30th. No flowers please but donations, if destred, to The King George's Fund for Sallors, 1 Chesham Street, London SWIX SNF. danghter. Nahasha Jersica.

RUTHERFORD — On
September 24th, to Guy and
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SOLLY - On September 21st,
to Lucilia and Peregrine, a
danghter Eryony Gara, a
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sister for Nicholse. Thomas and Venetia. SULLIVAN - On September 27th 1992. to Jennifer (ned Streich) and Michael, d daughter, Catherine Mary, a sister for Emma. COLLINE - On September 26th 1992, Basil Roscoe, aged 69 years, beloved husbend of Hazel and much loved father of Crowden and Richard. Service and committed at 81 Culthert's Church, Lytham, Lancs, on Wednesday September 30th at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only. Further enquiries to 3 & A Porter, lei: (0253) 735423.

COX - On September 26th, peacefully, Heien Averil aged 81 years. Widow of the late R.M.C. Sanderson and the late A.F. Cox, Devoted mother of Michael, Carol and Robert. Stepmother of Mick and Hillary and grandmother of Churles. Rob. Tom and James. Deatry loved mother-in-law of Jenny and Jeremy. Service on Thursday October 1st at Church of the Good Shepherd. Dyke Road. Brighton at 12 noon. followed by private Grenallos. Flowers if desired may be sent to Attree and Kent. 109 Church Road. Hove, tel: (0273) 821985.

DES SALLES - On September 28th 1992. Kaiharinel Georgina Des Salles d'Epitolox, peacefuilty in Westminster Hospital, after a brave Bight. Beloved mother of Timothy and Georgina, and grandmother of Dorian-Jessica. Cordella and Catherine. All enquiries to J.H. Kenyon, tel: (071) 937-0767.

ert Wharton.

JOLLY - On September 25th, suddenly, His Honour, Judge Anthony Charles, Honorary Recurder of Presion, aged 60

years, Greeny More Inc., admired by Rosemary, Matthew, Patrick and Charlotte, Funeral Service at St Cuthbert's Parish Church, Lytham, on Friday October 2nd at 12,30 pm. followed by

Judge retires Judge Aron Owen, aged 73, retired yesterday from the circuit bench of the South Eastern Circuit.

26th, peacefully in Hove, Marchese Anthony; Bagshawe Mattel M.B.E. Papal Chambertain of Cape and Sword. aged 89 years. Devoted husband of the late. Georgetic the Madill). He will be missed by his family and many friends. Funeral private. Requiescal in pace.

MITCHELL - On September 25th 1992. John Howard (Michael), peacefully at home. Beloved husband of Eve. father of Manina and Michael and grandfather of Andrea. Jeremy and Zoe. Puneral at Golders Green Crematorium at 12 noon on September 30th. No flowerspleese. donations to Paristrason's Disease Society-details from (071) 383-3613.

PETER - On September 26th., peecefully. Afbert Edward aged 83. much loved father of Disans and grandfather of Alastair, Claire and Emma Service at St Andrew's Church. Kingswood. on Friday October 2nd at 2.30pm. Flowers. or domations for Cancer Research C/o Stomman Functured Service. Doran Court. Redhill, (0757) 763486. PHILLIPS - On September 27th in The Royal Maraden Hospital, Sutton, pencerully after a long limes. Petar Frederick aged 61, much lower husband of Vibeke, son of Norab and the late Frederick, and lather of Anthony. Theresa and John, Deeply missed. Requiem Mass at Holy Cross Church. 46 North Street, Carshalton, Surrey, on Friday October 2nd at 11 am.

26th, peacefully at home. Colton, Dunfermline, surrounded by her family M. Edith Robertson, dear wife of Arthur, much loved mother of Kirsty. Brian. Callum and

RUSSELL - On September 27th at Cotham Park Nursing Home, Beistel, Barbara Kate, dear sister of Ronald and sister-in-law of Peggy Ann. Funeral at S Pasit's Church, Cifico, Bristel, on Friday October 2nd at 3 pm. followed by private cremation. No flowers by request.

STUART - On Sunday, Saptember 27th, Jim, 51, peacefully at The Royal Masonic Hospital after a short illness, deeply missed by his wife Karen and his children Zara and Duncan. Funeral at Mortiale Crematorium on October 1st at 4.50 pm. Flowers to F.W. Paine Funeral Directors, 468 Chieveich High Road, W4 or doublins to Cancer Research.

or Interest to Measurs. Darrings Hodgeom Solicitors for the Executions of SI Conscillife Road, Derthageon, County Durham (ref: MSRM) and to each particular and later than 1st December 1992, after which dute the enapties will distribute the entitle among the persons entitled thereto have larger squared only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice and will not an empects the property so distributed be liable to pany person whose claim they David's borne in France, William's William's William's Suitchbury, architect (twin) brother of Oliver), beloved husband of Nathalle, father of Jestica and Bettina and stepfather of Otiver, James and Georgina Narres, Cremation in France, Memorial Service later, Letters to Carrigillity, Union Hall. Co. Cork. Eira.

WATSON - On September 27th, Sir Francis John Bagon; Watson KCVO, aged 85 years, after a short filmss, suddenly and peacefully. Funeral, All Saints Church, West Lavington. Wilstitte. Friday October 2nd at 2pm. Memorial service to be announced.

O'HARA - The Mass for Sheelegh
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Sir Francis Watson, KCVO, FBA, FSA, director of the Wallace Collection from 1963 until his retirement in 1974, died in Wittshire on September 27 aged 85. He was born in Worcestershire on August 24, 1907.

FOR many years the name of Francis Watson was synonymous with that of the Wallace Collection. By far the greater part of his working life was spent in the service of the collection left to the nation by Lady Wallace on the collection left to the in 1907. Western injured the her death in 1897. Watson joined the staff in his early thirties as an assistant keeper under Sir James Mann and succeeded to the directorship on the latter's death in 1962. The next year he followed Mann in another crucial appointment, that of Surveyor of the Queen's Works of

It was in the ten years after the war, part of which Watson had spent on secondment to the Admiralty, that he built up his great reputation as a leading authority on the arts of France and Italy in the eighteenth century, with particular reference to the applied arts of the period. This culminated in the publication in 1956 of the Catalogue of Furniture in the Wallace Collection, which broke new ground in the field of serious catalogues of objects other than painting and sculpture. It achieved international acclaim and was followed by several works in the same vein. Among the most importani was Watson's The Wrightsman Collection, published between 1966 and 1970. a scholarly and meticulous account the collection, starting with furniture, of Mr and Mrs Charles B. Wrightsman, which he helped to form.

But Francis Watson was far from being merely a furniture expert. He was equally knowledgeable about painting. In 1949 he published a useful book on the paintings of SIR FRANCIS WATSON

Canaletto, which went into a second edition in 1954. He also wrote shorter books on Giambattista Tiepolo and Fragonard

His upbringing was solidly middle-class. His father was a headmaster and Francis Watson was educated at Shrewsbury and St John's College, Cambridge. He had the misfortune to graduate in 1929 when congenial work was even harder to find for a 22 year old than it is now. He struggled for some time in London on very little money. But he spoke well, was good at socialising and wrote fluently. He had always set his heart on career in the fine arts and eventually got a foot in the door at the Courtaild, where he became the first registrar in 1934, staying there until 1938.

The two great formative influences

in Watson's scholarly life were his close friendships with John D K Lloyd and with Charles F Bell. formerly Keeper of Fine Art at the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford. To both men he owed in large meausre the mental discipline and inspiration which he later displayed in his own chosen fields of study. He became a fluent writer and in addition to his books was a regular contributor to The Times Literary Supplement. Anonymity in some areas suited him and he wrote a number of obituaries for this page; if he did not feel capable of the assignment himself then he was usually ready with the right

Watson's growing expertise on the eighteenth century in particular made him an indispensable source of advice on the whole of this period of art history. Because of it he was eventually appointed Surveyor of the Queen's Works of Art, in succession to Sir James Mann. With his polished manner and easy sociability he was able to move with poise in royal circles. But he was always ready to give recommendations to more modest collectors and several friends benefited from his words on whether



to buy and whether to sell, especially the latter. Francis Watson was ap-pointed MVO in 1959, CVO in 1965, and finally created KCVO in

He was the first chairman of the Furniture History Society which he was instrumental in forming, and of at Oxford, 1969-70, and

Ralph Frederick Manheim, linguist and translator, died at his home in

Cambridge on September 26 aged 85. He was born in New York City on April 4, 1907.

RALPH Manheim was so far ahead of other translators into the English lan-

guage that he was in a class of his own. A modern foreign classic was always that much more certainly appraised if it had his imprimatur. Yet, because translation

is so poorly paid, this translator of Brecht, Hans Arp, Hesse, Proust (some of the letters), Hitler (Mein Kampf, a job he found very distateful, but did well: he

managed to extract what meaning the scarcely literate author put into it), Durkheim, Günter Grass, the Swiss jurist

Bachofen, and dozens of others, did not

achieve imanciai security until ne receive:

a grant from the MacArthur Foundation

in Chicago — which gave him an annual

\$1,000 for each year of his age, thereby

It is impossible to point to his greatest

triumph, but Grass's Tin Drum and some

of the very difficult and colloquial novels

of Louis-Ferdinand Céline must come

very high on a long list. He translated not

only from the French and German but

also, on occasion, from the Polish, the

Dutch and even the Serbo-Croat. Nor did

financial security in old age prevent him from working: he had finished Grass's latest novel, *The Call of the Toad*, not long before his final illness.

Manheim had graduated from Har-vard before he was 20, one of the very few

to have done so. He had already travelled

in Germany and knew its language

intimately - and only a little later he came to know French. He was interested

in translation wholly for its own sake.

which is really what turned him into the

most expert translator of all. But. while he

translated passages from his favourite

books for pleasure, he also needed to

increasing as he grew older.

the Walpole Society from 1970, as well as a trustee of the Whitechapel Art Gallery from 1949-74. He was an active fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and in 1969 was elected a fellow of The British Academy. He was also Slade Professor of Fine Art

Wrightsman Professor, New York University, 1970-71, having received the Gold Medal of that institution in

After his retirement from the Wallace Collection he held a number of academic appointments in the United States, principally the Kress Professorship at the National Gallery of Art in Washington DC, 1975-76. There was also the private sector: the work done for the Wrightsmans gained him some renown and other collectors were anxious to retain his services.

The Watson personality was both attractive and engaging. At the head of his qualities was a great and ever youthful enthusiasm for becoming involved in art historical activities of every kind. His participation brooked no opposition and his ideas were sometimes put through by rather unconventional methods. He had the collector's boyish delight in getting something for nothing, or for next to nothing, both for himself and for those who employed him. This trait, possibly a reflection of those hard early years, remained with him throughout his life and career. While at the Wallace he took a quiet delight in showing selected friends a small cache of erotic china.

From his earliest days he was a polished speaker. He could hold the attention of a specialist audience for an hour while discussing a single snuff-box his lecture, "The Choiseul Box", was good enough to be published by the OUP. But his command of anecdote was also in demand by his family. When there were anniversaries or weddings to be celebrated then Francis was always earmarked for the major speech. He was a cook of skill and discernment and an attractive letter writer, able to ring the changes on half-a-dozen

subjects in one or two sheets.
His wife Mary died in 1969.
Thereafter he derived much happiness from his adopted Chinese son.

### **APPRECIATIONS**

### Sir Robert Micklethwait

YOUR obituary of Sir Robert Micklethwait (September 16) referred to many aspects of his distinguished career. May I add a brief word on three of

First, he was an exceptional advocate. The words "brilliant" or "outstanding" would not reflect his style. He was more of a Scarlett than a Brougham. But, by his meticulous preparation of his cases, his power of rational persua-sion and his courtesy to his opponent and the court he was the embodiment of excellence.

Second, his rapport with the young. He was immensely kind and helpful to genera-tions of youthful beginners on the Oxford circuit. To be his pupil was to become his friend, and to be welcomed by the family who meant so much

to him.
Third, although many of his professional colleagues hoped that he might be appointed to the High Court Bench, there must be countless administra-tors, practitioners and claimants who knew how fortunate it was that a man with his great intelligence, imagination and compassion was available to take on the task of Chief National Insurance Commissioner. It is difficult to think of anyone who is so warmly remembered by all who knew him.

Christopher Oddie

I SHOULD like, if I may, to add a short supplement to your admirable obituary of Robin Micklethwait. As a friend and neighbour

of many years' standing, I had ample opportunity of appreci-ating and admiring his great personal qualities. His brothers achieved eminence in other fields but it fell to him, as your obituary explained, to follow in his father's footsteps and achieve great distinction

as a lawyer.

He certainly looked the part:
and at first meeting there was
some risk of his giving an impression of austerity. But it soon became clear that any such impression concealed a sense of fun. a fondness for gentle teasing and an ability to talk to others at their own level which made him such a respected and popular member of the local community.

There are those who have every reason to be grateful to him for the help he gave when they were first starting in his profession. He bore, with almost self-deprecatory humour. and certainly with an enviable tolerance, the failing sight and other physical problems with which he had to cope in these

Lord Allen of Abbeydale

### **EDWARD WARBURG**

**Edward Mortimer Morris** Warburg, American philanthropist and benefactor of the arts, died of heart failure in Norwalk, Connecticut, on September 21 aged 84. He was born in White Plains, New York, on June 5, 1908.

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NO ONE in his right mind, Edward Warburg once said, would have got involved with American ballet in the early 1930s. The art form was an unknown quantity in the United States at that time, and he himself admitted that music was quite foreign to him. But Warburg, who was already challenging contemporary tastes with exhibitions of modern painting and sculpture. undeterred. Together with Lincoln Kirstein, a former classmate at Harvard, he founded the American Ballet in 1933. The successful company, led by George Balanchine, was the precursor of the New York City Ballet.

The youngest of five children in a well-to-do New York banking family. Warburg grew up in an atmosphere of vealth and a tradition of philanthropy. While an undergraduate at Harvard he helped form the Harvard Soci-

CESAR Manrique, who de-

voted much of his life to trying

to protect his native island of Cesar Lanzarote from the ravages of mass tourism, has died aged Manrique

ety of Contemporary Art, hold-ing exhibitions in rented rooms of work by such artists as Edward Hopper and Geor-gia O'Keefe. By 1932 he had become a founder of New York's Museum of Modern Art, serving on its board of trustees until 1953, and

brary. With time out for service in the second world war, during which he served in the US Army and took part in the invasion of Normandy, Warburg was active in philanthropic and relief organisations from 1939 onwards. He received decorations from the Belgian and Italian governments for his work with displaced persons after the war, was national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal from 1950 to 1955, and a member of the New York State Board of Regents from 1958 to 1975.

organising the museum's film

During the pre-war years he was an active art collector, acquiring works by Picasso, Matisse, Hopper, O'Keefe, Lachaise, Klee, Miro, Brancusi and Calder. Many of these he later donated to the Museum of Modern Art and other museums

He leaves a widow, son and daughter.

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the banning of roadside

advertising.

RALPH MANHEIM

make a living. He did some teaching, worked as a writer for New Deal projects and did technical translations.

After the war, much of which he spent in the army as a translator of German military documents, he could at last take to translating the kind of material in which he was interested - contemporary novels, art books and philosophy. He translated many key works by the philosopher Karl Jaspers, and even struggled with the opaque Introduction to Metaphysics of the ex-Nazi Martin Heidegger, long ago dubbed by more orthodox philosophers as a "purveyor of literal nonsense". He did some run-of-the-mill work for money, such as a novel by Erich Maria Remarque, but kept to the best as

much as he could. After The Tin Drum (1962), and an American PEN award, his own name became more famous and he could command higher, although still seldom adequate, fees. He was now working from Paris, where he remained until 1985.

The essence of Manheim's genius as a translator, which sometimes — as in certain of Celine's slang diatribe seemed little short of miraculous, lay in his combination of extreme fidelity to the text with a suitable style. Céline does not, in Manheim's hands, sound like an Englishman, as he had been made to do in some earlier translations, but like the Frenchman he was, yet speaking the right sort of English, and without any awkwardness whatever.

Manheim had had much practice of course: but he continued to master the special problems set by each individual writer whose work he translated. He managed to make Hitler sound like Hitler (when in 1943 it was important to try to understand him) and Heidegger sound, as he was, shifty. Yet he could overcome his reservations about Céline's anti-Semitism, and to reveal his intense artistry in a way that no other translator had ever been able to do. He was also very successful in his collaboration with John Willet, the Brecht critic and translator, in translations of some of the more difficult

One of Manheim's greatest pleasures (and rewards) in his final years at Cambridge was to be approached, as he so often was, by professors as well as students who were grateful to him for providing them with such inimitably authoritative versions of European classics.

Manheim was married four times. His fourth wife and fellow American, Julia. who devotedly nursed him throughout his last illness, survives him. His place can

### Adel Rootstein FURTHER to your excellent

obituary (September 22) may I recount the following happening - to endorse the extreme generosity of Adel?
For the Christmas of 1969,

as a monk at Buckfast Abbey. I had the desire to build a "lifesize" crib. Having known Adei for several years, I contacted her (with the then Abbot's permission) and enquired if I could loan or hire six figures from her workshop. She was so murigued by this request she agreed at once. But with one stipulation ... there would be no charge — and figures would be sent to the Abbey forthwith — which indeed they were (from London) and on arrival causing some concern from other monks viewing so ies etc.

The crib was eventually



assembled (Sandy Shaw was the Blessed Virgin and Patrick Lichfield St Joseph). Thanks to Adel's great kindness it gave much delight to the crowds of

William Pools

### Colin Humphreys

COLIN Humphreys (obituary, September 21) was an elegant and witty draughtsman. Once in those happy, far-off days when the Air Ministry still existed he addressed his staff in a memorandum which referred to "the seven separate subtleties of a Château Lafite." I asked him what these were. I said I could distinguish three or possibly four, but not seven. He said: " made it up. It sounds good."

Sir Ronald Melville

# Astronomy

# The sky at night in October

By Michael J. Hendrie. ASTRONOMY CORRESPONDENT

MERCURY is a -0.3 magnitude evening star throughout the month but will be difficult to see as it remains low in the south-west after sunset, setting no more than an hour after the Sun. Greatest eastern clongation (24 deg) is on the 31st. The two-day old crescent Moon will be just above Mercury on the evening of the

Venus is also an evening star but much brighter than Mercury at -3.9 magnitude. By the end of October. Verrus will set in darkness and should be easily visible low in the south-west at dusk. The cresent Moon will be above Venus on the 28th, with the bright star Antares below the planet and Mercury lower still and to the north. Venus will move quickly away from the horizon during November to become a brilliant evening object over Christmas and setting as late as 20h by the

Mars has brightened to -0.2 mag by the end of the month as it moves towards opposition on the 7th January 1993. The red planet is just coming over the north-eastern horizon by 21h in late October, in the constellation Gemini and not far from the bright stars Castor and Pollux. The waning gibbous Moon will be nearby on the 18th.

Jupiter is a morning star in the constellation Virgo and -1.7 magnitude. In twilight early in the month, it rises by 03h 30m and in a dark sky late in the month. The Moon will be to the south on the

Saturn is low in the southwest by 23h late in October, in the constellation of Capricornus. The 0.4 mag planet is stationary on the 16th, after which its motion against the stars will be direct or towards the east. The Moon will be nearby on the 5th/6th.

Uranus is in Sagittarius setting by 20h 30m on the 31st.

Neptune is close to Uranus and sets about the same time. The Moon is near the two planets on the 3rd/4th and again on the 30th/31st The Moon: first quarter, 3d 14h; full Moon, 11d 18h; last

quarter. 19d 04h; new Moon. 25d 21h. This October's full Moon will be the Hunter's Moon, the full Moon following the Harvest Moon (that nearest

the date of the autumn equinox). Sunset on the 1st is at 17h 40m and on the 31st at 16h 35m while sunrise is at 06h 00m and 06h 50m on the same dates.

Astronomical Twilight ends at 19h 30m and 18h 30m early and late in the month and begins again at 04h 05m and 05h 00m.

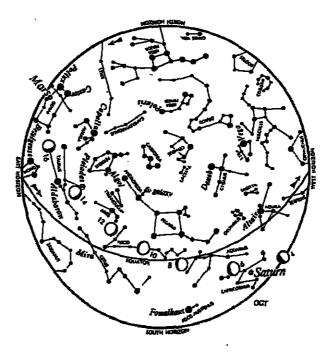
Algol, the eclipsing binary star in Perseus, fades from its usual brightness of 2.1 to 3.4 magnitude every 69 hours. taking about five hours to fade and another five hours to recover normal brightness. It can be seen when faint this October about the following times: 6d 04h, 9d 00h, 11d 21h. 29d 02h and 31d 23h. On the October chart the Milky Way lies from southwest, through the zenith to

north-east. It passes through the constellations Aquila (the eagle). Sagitta (the arrow). Cygnus (the swan), Lacerta (the lizard), Cepheus (Cepheus), Cassiopeia (Cassiopeia), Perseus (Perseus), Auriga (the charioteer) and Gemini (the twins). To the south lies the constellation Pegasus (Pegasus, the flying horse), the principal feature being the

easily identified great Square of Pegasus. The two right-hand stars of the Square of Pegasus provide a convenient guide to the 1.2 magnitude star Fomalhaut in the constellation Piscis Austrinus (the southern fish). This star lies in a part of the sky devoid of other bright stars and is easily identified in the autumn evenings. It reaches a maximum altitude above the horizon of only 9 degrees as seen from the latitude of London and appears even lower in the sky the farther north you go.

Attached to Pegasus is Andromeda. The top-left star of the Great Square is actually the brightest star in the constellation of Andromeda and not in Pegasus. Away to the north-east is marked a galaxy. This is M31, the great galaxy of Andromeda. Situated at a distance of over 2 million light years, it is the most distant object readily visible to the naked eye. On a dark, moonless night it appears as an ellipse of light, two or three times the size of the full Moon. How much can be seen depends on the clarity and darkness of the sky and the observer's eyesight

Faint, extended objects like galaxies and nebulae require a dark, transparent sky but also the observer should be shielded from any direct lights, even quite distant ones, and take time to adapt to the darkness. This "dark adaption" takes 20 to 30 minutes.



The diagram shows the brighter stars that will be above the horizon in the latitude of London at 23h (1 pm) at the beginning, 22h (1 p pm) in the middle, and 21h (9 pm) at the end of the month, local mean time.

At places away from the Greenwich meridian the Greenwich times at which the diagram applies are later than the above by one hour for each 15 deg west of Greenwich and earlier

by a like amount if the place be east. The map should be numed so that the horizon the observer is facing ishown by the words around the circle) is at

Greenwich Mean Time, known to stronomers as Universal Time and appressed in 24-hour notation, is used in the accompanying notes unless therwise stated.

whatever is placed therein. The

### SEPT 29 ON THIS DAY 1890

The Woking crematorium first opened in 1879 but was closed by the local authorities. It was used sporadically thereafter until 1890 when the movement was given an additional boost by the holding of an international conference in

Berlin. WOKING

**CREMATORIUM** 

On Saturday last about ninety members of the Association of Public Sanitary Inspectors paid a visit of inspection to the crema-torium, St. John's, Woking, upon the invitation of the Cremation Society of England. The crematorium, which stands in a little over an acre of ground, consists of a spacious chapel in which the funeral rites are performed. This building opens through a passageway into the cremating chamber, in which is the furnace, which is specially constructed and so arranged that all the gases and products of combustion pass away underground to a main chimney shaft a few yards from the building. At the base of the shaft is a coke furnace, under which the products of combustion from the cremating furnace

attained, no smoke or unburned gases passing out at the chimney top except for a few seconds at the moment of firing-up.
Upon the occasion of the visit in question the cremation of an animal was performed, in order to show the practical working of the system. The animal was a sheep, the carcass of which was placed on an iron carrier and run into the furnace, the carrier being then withdrawn and the furnace door closed. The flames and heat from the furnace are made to traverse that portion of it

in which the body is placed, and

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are brought, and through the incandescent body of which they have to pass upwards in their way out of the chimney. By this

means perfect combustion is

ashes fall into a receptacle, and at the close of this process are withdrawn, and can be either pre-served or buried. The operation of complete disposal in the case of human remains usually occupies about an hour. The sheep, however, took rather longer to consume, owing to its heavier weight and to the circumstance that the sight holes in the side of the furnace were frequently opened to afford the visitors the opportunity of watching the progress of cremation. At the close of the operation the whitened ashes of the animal were withdrawn, and fragments were taken away by many of the visitors as mementoes. It appears that the Cremation Society has been established for

13 years, during which period 138 cremations have taken place. The number has increased each year and, as showing the growth of this method of disposal, it may be stated that there were 100 cremations up to the end of last year, the 38 having taken place during the present It was stated that cremation societies have been established in the provinces and that there is a

growing recognition of the neces-sity for cremation in large and over-populated centres. After some remarks from Dr. Richard-son, the president of the Sanitary Inspectors' Association, the visitors proceeded to inspect the private cremating chamber crected for the Duke of Bedford. which is a few feet to the rear of the public chamber.

The arrangements here are similar to those in the public chamber, and the furnace opens into a fine leading to the same chimney as the other. The cinerary urns and other arrangements were also inspected. It was stated that ashes of cremated adults weigh from 41 lbs. to 7lb. and occupy a space corresponding to about from half to three quarters of a gallon. There was anopinion in favour of cremation upon public and sani-tary grounds, although some objections were taken to it on the score of sentiment.

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# Smith is given a dream start

Continued from page 1 Smith's support for Maastricht and the European ex-

change-rate mechanism.

Tony Benn, who retained his executive place, led the demands for "the biggest constitutional change this century to be put to the country in a referendum. But delegates heeded the warning of Gerald Kaufman, former shadow for-eign secretary, that Maastricht was the government's prob-lem and the conference should not make it Labour's.

Today, in his first speech to the conference as leader, Mr Smith will launch a blistering attack on "an inactive government led by an inactive prime minister". He will accuse John Major of doing nothing about unemployment and economic recovery and of wasting Britain's presidency of the Euro-

pean Comunity.
The defeat of Mr Skinner, the MP for Bolsover, who had spent 14 years on the executive, was the biggest surprise in yesterday's changeover in the Labour high command. A defiant Mr Skinner declared that he would continue to be the voice of the left in Parliament. "No-one has died." he

Mr Gould's vote was halved, leaving him without a power base from which to launch his effort to change the Labour stance on Europe. The votes were cast before the internal party dispute over Europe, and Mr Gould suggested last night that his defeat might have been a reaction to the leadership contest in which he challenged Mr Smith. "I think the constituencies were influenced, perhaps irrationally, by the fact that I had fought a losing campaign in the leadership contest and that they wanted to support the new leadership and not the losing candidate." he said.

Mr Kinnock was delighted by the vote. He said: "It is a very strong national executive with the authority that comes from one member, one vote. It is up to date and forward

Mr Brown was elected in third place at the first attempt. A trouble-free day for Mr Smith was rounded ou with the news that Hilary Armstrong, his parliamentary private secretary, had also been elected in the NEC women's

Smith victory, page 10



Colleagues' grief: staff of Pakistan International Airlines at Kathmandu airport weeping after hearing the news of the Airbus crash

# Descent into Kathmandu fills pilots with fear

By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent

THE approach to Kathmancrashes within three months, has become one of the most feared of all flown by international airline pilots.

They begin the descent into the airport - itself built 4,313ft above sea level - at sixteen miles to the south and a height of 11,500ft. At ten miles out the mountains rise steeply to more than 7,000ft. which they should cross at a height of 9,500ft before dropping to 6,800ft at six miles and 5,200ft at four miles. If the runway cannot be seen clearly at two miles from touchdown, pilots are told that they should go around again.

The Pakistan Airlines Airbus 300, which crashed vesterday, appeared to have hit the mountainside at 7,500ft when it should have been at 9,000ft. The airport has a VOR

radio beacon, a distance measuring device showing how far from touchdown the aircran is, and a locator to enable an instrument approach to 900ft. It is not, however, covered by radar, and pressure has been growing on the Nepalese authorities for some form of ground control to be intro-Diary, page 14 | duced as soon as possible.

As the weather can often be bad, pilots now have to keep a careful check on instruments to ensure that they are properly lined up with the runway.

Accident investigators will be anxious to establish what setting the pilot had put into his altimeter to indicate that the runway was well above sea level. If the setting was incor-rect before take-off, the aircraft would have been too low without the pilot realising it and he would have flown towards the ground in cloud unaware that he was near to crashing until a sudden voice ground proximity warning sounded.
The Airbus A300 is one of

the most popular, and until now, safest of aircraft flying. It was the first in the family of Airbus iets to be conceived and so far a total of 248 have been delivered worldwide. Unlike its successor the short ranged A320, the A300 is not "fly-bywire" and it has a conventional central control c

A total of six A300s have been lost, including one belonging to IranAir shot down by the US Navy in the Gulf. None of the others that have crashed have involved loss of life, although the aircraft have been write-offs.

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# Missionary family among 35 Britons killed in Airbus crash

Continued from page 1 projects, such as small scale hydropower units. Irene Saward, headmistress

of St Andrew's primary school in Stanstead Abbots, where the children went to school, said: "This is terrible, terrible news. They were a lovely family and the children were simply beautiful. Simeon was a real little tinker. Cheeky and lovable, always making people laugh. The girls were quieter, very self-assured and calm, and very popular.

"The parents couldn't do enough for people. They were regular visitors to the school and often helped other parents by delivering and collecting their children. They were such a caring family. I can't believe this has happened." The Rev Barry Goodwin,

vicar of St Andrews in Stanstead Abbots, said: When I heard the news I was . looking out at my garden and suddenly remembered the family playing football with us on the lawn. Andy helped us out with our Pathfinders group, which consisted of 11 to 14-year-olds. He was so good with the kids, so encouraging. He and Helen were real Christians."

David Harley, principal of the All Nations college, said: "This is terribly sad for all of us at the college. They were a loving, pleasant ordinary fam-ily. God taught us that we will live on, but that cannot take

away the enormity of the human loss in such a tragedy." Jenny Taylor, spokesman for the Interserve charity, said: "It is the most terribly said



thing. Travel is always some thing that is dangerous for our workers, just getting on a bus in Nepal can be dangerous."

Melissa Colston, marketing manager, at Encounter Overland, where two other crash is worked ODVIously everyone here is very upset at the news. Our two colleagues were flying out on business. It's very upsetting for all concerned. The pair left Heathrow on Sunday evening bound for Karachi where they picked up the connecting

flight to Kathmandu for the start of the tourist season.

The three Britons who were booked on the flight through Bridge the World were said to be a couple and one individual. Jerry Bridge, managing director, said the couple were thought to be on a "round-the-world dream ticket" while the third booking, a woman, was going on a trekking holiday.

Keith Beswick, managing director of Quest Worldwide Travel of Kingston, southwest London said they had booked six people on the flight, one couple and four travelling separately, from Berkshire, Birmingham, Wales and Middlesex. "They would have gone on trekking holidays independently. They all had return flights to come back in three or up to nine weeks." Mr Beswick added. "The situation looks very bleak."

Most of the passengers were from Nepal returning from jobs in the Middle East for the began on Sunday.

The Foreign Office issued the following telephone numbers for people who may have had relatives on board the Airbus: Office hours: 071-270 4112. Other times: 071-839

### Political sketch

# Minus a seal, the circus carries on

newest, most exciting day out!" The Tower complex offers seven levels of excitement on seven floors. It costs just £5.95. Up the road, the Winter Gardens complex is offering a rival called The 91st Labour Party Conference. Against a conference backdrop designed to recall an airport lounge in - Bahrain, perhaps, circa 1979 - a packed house thrills to spectacles as rare and strange as anything you can find in Blackpool.
At Tower World (level 2).
"an all-time favourite, the

Tower Circus" continues to delight the kids. Yesterday at the Winter Gardens the Comrades' Circus got off to a rocky start when Bryan, one of the performing seals, quit. He was fed up with trying to balance a particularly slippery blue ball deco-rated with 12 yellow stars on his nose. His exit has caused a certain amount of tuttutting among the clowns, but a new seal will be found, and the show goes on.

It started yesterday morning with a rip-roaring speech from Labour's eco-nomics spokesman, Gordon Brown. I hardly heard a word of it. I was too absorbed by what he was doing with his tengre. with bis tongue. Have you watched him on

TV? What do you think is happening inside his mouth? My own theory is that he is juggling two or three heavy ball-bearings on the end of his tongue. Where a Tory spokesman may speak with a plum in his mouth, it is fitting that Labour's man does it with

ball-bearings.
"Why should millions of Brown is head to beginning to jerk his bead to emphasise words in that turkey-like head-butt which Neil Kinnock made famous) ... go to a few of the world's richest men?" His style is sulky-angry, jowls aquiver, sub-Lawson style. You can hear the ball-bearings colliding. But then he

stops, momentarily, for air. Watch. He gulps, mouth Tongue makes a sudden dart forward, curling down over bottom teeth and plumbing the space between lower gum and lip. Is this man perhaps itching to stick his tongue out at you but

Welcome, says my bro-chure, from Tower World, "to Blackpool's ings for another juggle? ings for another juggle? Taken as a conference speech on the economy. Mr Brown's performance yesterday is agreed to have been splendid. Taken as a championship display of oral juggling while making a major statement on economic policy. breathtaking.

Sitting next to the gor-geously robed Margaret Beckett at the centre of the platform, John Smith watched Brown serenely. John and Margaret have the air of the bride's parents at a wedding party: they do not some of the relations they do know they do not much care for. But their demeanour is cordial, magnanimous. Unlike Neil Kinnock, whose mien at conference was that of a nervous best man, anxious to make sure everyone was happy, scowling John and Margaret do not give the impression of listening so much as presiding. Staring into the middle distance as speakers rant, they seldom indicate agreement or dissent. They are above such things.

Only very occasionally, such as when the applause for Gordon Brown went on rather too long, do Mr Smith's lips purse into a thin, tight line, as if there were spiders in his mouth. He claps with elbows akimbo, ramming his arms together to crush an imaginary insect between the palms, then polling them apart, Bullworker style. As the applause for Mr Brown continued, Mr Smith's insect-crushing became grimmer, his smile more pursed. his spiders more troub-

But then, where parlia ment gives sketch writers a good view of the tops of heads, conferences give us the chance to study mouths. Take Bryan Gould's. For years it has been covered. A finger, a hand, both hands to the face have been habitual poses. Interviewed everywhere yesterday, free at last whole demeanour changed Clichés dropped away from his speech, his shoulders relaxed, and not once did he cover his mouth.

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- wooded country (8). 14 Winston Smith was watched by
- this earlier arrival (3.7). 16 Influential American lived qui-
- etiy (4). 19 Not we're told, the start of the
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- 27 The marrow, perhaps, lives in the eround (9). 28 Every year the aristocracy hold a
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- 6 On the spike, journalist's last scoop (6). 7 Embarrassed, but I will take a
- joke (3.2.4). 8 In danger - mysteriously infected (5). 13 Game, say, may give offence
- 15 Malign god made the town (9). 17 Old cave-dweller was a capital fellow out East (6.3). 18 Fairy stripped off and got cold
- Gold coin a girl found (6). 22 Cry of delight as wife put on ring
- 24 . . . his gift. intially, to some extent? (5). 25 Foreign secretary was gloomy
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### WORD WATCHING Patchy fog should clear by mid-morning, although some north-eastern and southern coasts may stay dull and misty. Most places will be By Philip Howard SLEAVE . The sleeve of a herald's tabard it will then be mostly dry, bright and cooler. Showers in the north.

dry and quite warm for a time, with a little sunshine. Rain and freshening winds will spread from the west across Northern Ireland and much of western and southern Britain during the day. The south-west may clear up later. Outlook: rain in the north and the east will clear tomorrow morning;

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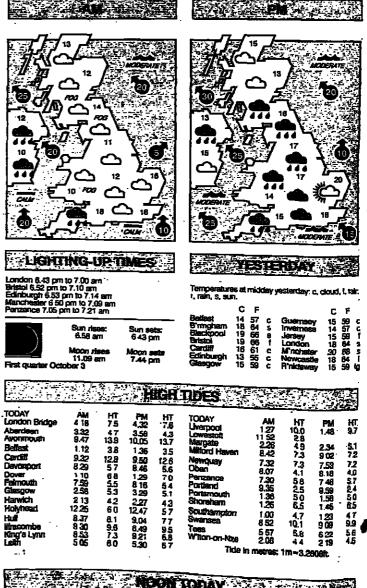
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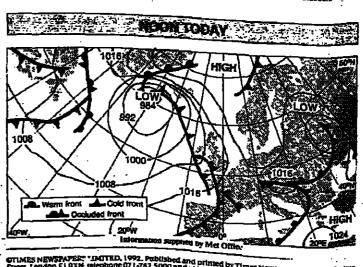
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Shares in Kwik-Fit Holdings were flattened when the recession punctured tyre sales and deflated interim profits. Has the fall been overdone? Page 22

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The Criminal Justice Act 1991, which comes into force on Thursday, aims to foster a partnership between Parliament and the

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EC ministers oppose two-speed Europe

# Dublin raises interest rates to defend punt

BY COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

IRELAND, determined to stay in the front rank of monetary integration in Europe, was yesterday forced to raise its key lending rates by 3 points to defend the punt. Last week, Dublin introduced foreign exchange controls to counter market turbulence.

The latest move, which took the Irish central bank's shortterm facility rate to 13.75 and the overnight deposit rate to 10.5 per cent, came as the conviction hardened in the financial markets that the past weeks of severe tension within the exchange-rate mechanism are rapidly leading to a two- or multi-tier monetary union, with Germany, France and the Benelux countries forming

Meanwhile, Community fi-nance ministers came out firmly against a two-speed Europe and reaffirmed their commitment to proceeding together within the European Monetary System.

the "hard-core" first tier.

the end of a day of discussions, welcomed the return of calm to the financial markets. It said: "Everyone present emphasised their opposition to the concept of a two-speed Europe and reiterated that the object of the Community was to proceed together."

The ministers said yesterday the key to stability in the Community was the strict application of "convergence" programmes to harmonise economic indicators.

Reflecting growing concern over being left out of the first tier, Anders Fogh Rasmussen, the Danish economics minister, said his government wanted to be part of the hard core. It was a Danish "no" in a referendum on the Maastricht treaty that initially prompted market unease about the pari-

ty grid.
Sterling, which fell to
DM2.5130 at the official 4pm London close, has contributed to the pressure on the punt. Currency dealers see the deval-

# ICI shares slide as analysts downgrade

By COUN CAMPBELL

ICI shares yesterday fell 63p to £11.45 in heavy trading and £451.06 million was cleared off the group's market capitalisation, after analysts sharply reduced their 1992 and 1993 profit-forecasts for the diversified chemicals and pharmaceuticals group.

The profits downgrading and the pound's latest decline

against the mark depressed shares and succeeded in wiping out all of last week's gains. The FT-SE 100 index finished near its low for the day, 41.0 points down at 2,560.0. Turnover was subdued compared with recent levels as only 487 million shares changed hands. Bonds also recorded further losses at the longer end as hopes of another early cut in bank base rates appeared to be

ICI said it did not comment on market developments after

Martin Evans, chemicals anahyst at Hoare Goven, the broker, cut his 1992 pre-tax profit forecast from £780 million to £620 million. He also lowered his 1993 profits estimate from £1 billion pre-tay to mate from £1 billion pre-tax to £875 million, though he believes ICI will maintain this year's total dividend at 55p a share, and could possibly increase the dividend payment by 1p to 56p a share in 1993.

ICI, valued at £8.19 billion last night compared with £8.65 billion on Friday, said it happens that analysts change their forecasts from time to time. The group said results for the third quarter of 1992 are due on October 29. Analysts expect them to possibly show a profits setback to £100 million (£196 million).

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the Irish economy. Expectations of a further cut in base rates continued to undermine sentiment for the pound. It ended almost 2 pfennigs lower than on Friday, but held above its trading low last week of DM2.5103. Against the dol-DM2.5103. Against the dol-lar, sterling closed about 13 cents higher at \$1.7270. Its trade-weighted index dropped 0.3 to \$2.6.

Renewed anxiety about the American economy, and speculation that US interest rates

could be cut again if jobs figures on Friday are bad, pushed the dollar to a record low of 119 yen, the currency fast becoming a "safe haven". It eased to close in Europe at Y119.75 and fell to DM1.4545.

A calmer mood marked the European markets following last week's successful defence of the franc by the German and French central banks. The franc stood at 3.3673 to the mark at the London close, up from 3.3820 on Friday. But some analysts fear that, having saved the franc, the Bundesbank council will this week be less likely to ease

monetary policy.

The punt, still considered as a candidate for devaluation. experienced most pressure, but managed to stay more than half pfennig off its ERM floor in European trading hours. Later, it dropped below its lower permitted limit, fuelling fears that interest rates may be raised again, a move likely to increase pressure on Iberian currencies. German overnight rates yesterday fell to their lowest level for five months in a technical adjustment related to intervention.

Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, said a devaluation of the punt was not warranted. Speaking in Dub-lin, he said: The benefits of a firm exchange rate that belongs to the core currencies of Europe, in terms of lower inflation, lower interest rates in the longer term and greater investment confidence, outweigh any short-term difficulties which will undoubtedly 8.6 per cent. now face the Irish economy.

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Edging towards target: David James, chairman of Dan Air, is close to obtaining finance to save UK's oldest airline

## Halifax and the Woolwich cut rates

By LINDSAY COOK MONEY EDITOR

TWO of the largest mortgage lenders, the Halifax and Woolwich building societies cut their base mortgage rate to 9.99 per cent for new borrowers from yesterday and from November 1 for existing borrowers. They are also offering mortgages to first time buyers

at well under 8 per cent. The Woolwich is offering a mortgage rate of 7.5 per cent first timers borrowing £60,000 or more. The 2.49 per cent discount for one year is only available to those borrowing less than 90 per cent of the value of a property who take out an endowment policy. For loans above 90 per cent the discount is 1.39 per cent, giving a mortgage rate of

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count of 2.19 per cent and pay

7.8 per cent if they have saved

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comment. A Manweb spokes-

woman refused to comment

or to confirm the company

has been in talks with Nuclear

Electric. She said: "We do not

divulge to anybody whether

we have contracts or who we

have them with, though she

said the only contracts under

negotiation are for coal power

Yesterday, Yorkshire Elec-

tricity was also being blamed

for delaying the signing of the

contracts, even though it has

very little involvement with

Nuclear Electric. One source

close to the discussions said

Yorkshire appeared to be the

main stumbling block. York-

shire refused to comment on

the talks other than to say

"discussions are continuing".

from the generators.

Norweb would only confirm

power instead.

ing larger percentage loans.

The Halifax is offering a minimum rate of 7.6 per cent to first time buyers who borrow more than £100,000 and have saved 10 per cent of the house price. The first time buyer discounts run to January 31, 1994. The buyer must

refinanced Dan-Air. Despite Mr James's repeated protestations that the airline is under no immediate threst, the outcome of the proposed deal hangs increasingly on the success of both Mr James and Mr Branson in maintaining confidence in the

AS David James, the Dan-Air

chairman, yesterday did the rounds of City financial insti-tutions, hopes were rising that

he might secure a £30 million

deal to see Britain's oldest

airline through the recession.

Playing heavily on the good-will the 40-year-old airline still

enjoys in the travel trade and

among business travellers, he

was inching towards his target

As Mr James spoke to banks

and existing investors, Rich-

ard Branson, owner of Virgin

Atlantic, was beginning the

"due diligence" process and

examining the books of Dan-

& Newman. A decision is not

clear Mr Branson is becoming

attracted to taking a stake in a

by late afternoon.

deal to keep Dan-Air flying By Harvey Elliott, air correspondent ability to keep Dan-Air flying. Without that confidence, tour operators will shy away from placing charter contracts and

> ing scheduled bookings. It is this uncertainty which caused the Civil Aviation Authority to show concern about Dan-Air last week. Although there was no immediate cause for alarm, rumours had begun circulating four months ago that Dan-Air could be in

businessmen will avoid mak-

Hopes rise for £30 million

financial trouble. As a result, many tour operators began to turn their backs on Dan-Air because of doubts that it would be around to Air's parent company. Davies fulfil next summer's contracts. The tour operators also pointexpected for ten days but it was ed to the over-capacity of charter seats this summer which had led many to consolidate their bookings into the airlines they own. At the same time businessmen, who had discovered Dan-Air's high-quality Flite class service

> soaring, began to move to rival airlines for future flights. By last week the rumours

and sent short-term bookings

had become so rife within the industry that the CAA had no option but to ask for clarifica-tion about Dan-Air's longterm future arguing that if there was any doubt it should not try to sell seats which may not be available. Mr Branson is anxious to

ensure the independent airline sector survives to provide some kind of competitive balance against the mega-carriers. If Dan-Air went under, he believes. Virgin itself could be caught in the turbulence. Virgin has a fast growing tour operation through Virgin Holidays and, Mr Branson believes, by linking Dan-Air directly with a tour operator one of the main causes of its problems with charter services could be overcome.

He also argued that Dan-Air's successful 50 per cent stake in Gatwick Handling could be used to provide a ioint operation for both airlines, that reservations could be united to save costs and vital Garwick slots could be traded between the two.

# SFO confirms Bank enquiry

THE Serious Fraud Office has Bank of England official close (4pm)

> An accountant and former Pakistani military intelligence officer, identified as Mr X, has made a sworn statement to the inquiry into BCCI, headed by Lord Justice Bingham, claiming that he saw briefcases stuffed with \$100 bills passed

> > By Patricia Tehan

Electric, the state-owned gen-

erator, to talks yesterday in an

effort to persuade them to

hand over some of their

He wants them to cancel

contracts for power sales to

regional electricity companies

in order to create more room

Although no decision was

taken, the two men, John

Collier, chairman, and Robert

Hawley, chief executive, are

understood to have agreed to

a compromise with Mr Eggar.

up some of its contracts. but,

as one source said, it "will not

face the large-scale tinkering

with its business that was

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light on Saturday when Brian Sedgemore, the Labour MP for Hackney South and Shoreditch, tabled an early-day motion detailing the evidence given by Mr X to the Bingham

The Bingham report has been handed to the Treasury but details are not likely to become officially available until it can be read out in

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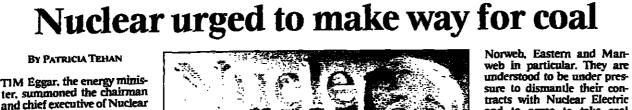
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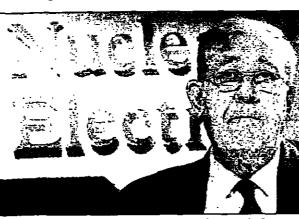
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Compromise: John Collier, Nuclear Electric chairman

begin its privatisation of British Coal are being held up by a delay in the signing of new five-year coal contracts with National Power and Power-Gen. The generators are unable to sign up until they have reached agreements to sell the coal-fired power to the regional companies.

The regional electricity companies object to the amount of coal-fired power they would be expected to

take and to the price they would be expected to pay. One regional supply company head said: The work to get the whole deal together is at least weeks away."

Michael Heseltine, trade secretary, hopes to make some announcement on the planned privatisation at the Conservative conference next week. The finger of blame for holding up the signing of the contracts has been pointed at

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bell, 48. Greg Morgan, 47. are not on the agenda, adding and Mike Oxlade, 47. Knight

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# MMI claims rescue talks with French are still on

By Jonathan Prynn and Douglas Broom

MUNICIPAL Mutual Insurance (MMI), the insurance company that provides cover for the vast majority of Brit-ain's local authorities, has denied claims that rescue takeover talks with the Eurosafe group of French insurance companies have collapsed.

Some weekend reports suggested that La Garantie Mutuelle des Fonctionaires, the French insurer heading the Eurosafe group, had de-cided to pull out of the negotiations. MMI, Britain's ninth largest insurer, has severe financial problems and takeover by the French is likely to be its only chance of

In a statement issued yester-day, Brian Wright, MMI chief executive, confirmed that the talks were continuing: The transfer of MMI's business is complex and we have to ensure that the transfer is effected in the best way to

# Standard Chartered wins third big payoff

By Jon Ashworth

STANDARD Chartered, the international banking group, is in line for its third big legal payoff in less than six months.

The bank has settled proceedings it brought in the New South Wales Supreme Court over an A\$100 million loan to GPI Leisure Corporation, an Australian hotel and leisure group, in May 1988. Standard will receive A\$71.5 million (£29.8 million) in cash. subject to a number of preconditions being satisfied within the next 90 days. A further A\$30 million has been raised

from the sale of assets.

The defendants included Australian National Industries, Spedley Securities and two former directors of AN1 and Spedley, GPI Leisure was also a plaintiff in the

proceedings. All parties are reasonably confident that the preconditions will be satisfied and that payment will be made. If not. the litigation will resume at the earliest available court date. The settlement will be included in the 1992

accounts. Standard's shares ended the day unchanged at 467p. The banking group was hit by a high incidence of bad debts after winning an Australian banking licence in 1986. No further cases are pending in

the Australian courts. In June, the bank agreed to an out of court payment of US\$62 million from Coopers & Lybrand to compensate for loans it made to Miniscribe, a former Californian computer company, in 1988.

A month earlier, a court in Arizona decided that Price Waterhouse should pay \$338 million compensation for neg-ligence in preparing the 1985 and 1986 audits of United Bank of Arizona which Stan-dard bought in 1987. Price Waterhouse attacked the verdict as "outrageous, incompre-hensible and indefensible," and has appealed.

Proceedings have begun in India in an attempt to recoup US\$376 million in losses stemming from the Bombay financial markets scandal. Standard has made precautionary provisions of £50 million against potential losses.



directors will meet leaders from the associations of county, district and metropolitan councils at Church House. Westminster, today.

Local authorities have been advised that if MMI went into ligitidate the councils and the councils are considered.

liquidation they would have grounds to sue the directors and liquidators to recover unpaid compensation.

A spokesman said:"We have been told that litigation could take up to 20 years to complete

if MMI goes down."

If the talks with the French do fail, the collapse of MMI or its withdrawal from public liability underwriting would be a major headache for the treasurers of Britain's local authorities. MMI has dominated the local authority public liability market for a decade by aggressively chasing busi-ness through quoting very low premium rates. The composite insurers.

most of which have underwritten little local authority business since the early 1980s, would be unlikely to return to a market of which they have so little recent experience without being compensated with very substantial increases in premi-

Lloyd's, with its greater flexibility and willingness to underwrite unusual risks, might be more prepared to take on the local authority accounts. but would also charge higher

☐ Clwyd County Council in north Wales yesterday issued a strong denial of newspaper reports that MMI had put pressure on it and neighbouring Gwynedd council to sup-press a report on child abuse council homes in the two counties.

## Linread in profit at half-time

By COLIN CAMPBELL

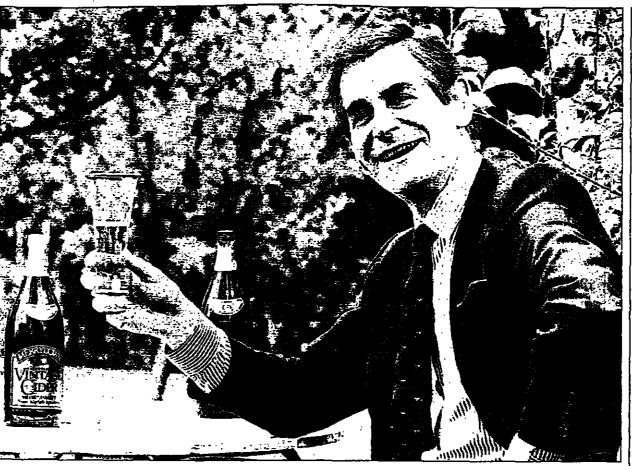
LINREAD, the maker of precision components for the aerospace and motor industries, has turned from loss into profit in the six months ended June 27, but in a return to its traditional pattern of dividend payments the half-time payout is 1.5p a share, compared with

2p previously.
Interim pre-tax profits were £1.05 million, compared with a pre-tax loss of £1.37 million last time.

Gearing has been reduced from a December year-end level of 59 per cent to 44 per cent, and heavy losses within the commercial-products division have been eliminated.

creasing pressure on margins in the aerospace sector, but with interim turnover at £20 million (£21.6 million) the group has overall managed to achieve a slightly greater penetration in an generally re-

duced market. The Birmingham group gives a warning, however, that economic conditions in Britain and the world at large have increased the uncertainty in the industries it serves. especially in the car sector.



Shares in Merrydown Wine fell from 298p to 255p after the wine and cider maker warned investors that competition from cheaper brands had hit margins and squeezed available shelf space in stores. Market conditions were

Aberdeen

Trust in

funds deal

By JONATHAN PRYNN

ABERDEEN Trust, the fund

management group, has giv-

en a warning that its operat-ing profits for the financial

year ending tomorrow will be below last year's level and has

announced the acquisition of

contracts to manage £430

Aberdeen Trust told its

shareholders that its trading

position has been "adversely

affected by the uncertainty in

the stock market arising from

the continuing failure of the

UK economy to emerge from

recession, and by the weakness

of the dollar, which is the

valuation currency for a signif-

icant element of the funds

The fund management con-

tracts are being acquired from

Century, a life assurance com-

pany, for £5.6 million and will

generate a minimum annual fee income of £950,000.

under management".

million of funds.

"extremely difficult", said Richard Purdey, chairman (above), at the annual meeting in East Sussex. Despite a strong April-June quarter, the cider market was expected to show only slight growth over the year. Pub trade continues to be

tough. Merrydown hopes to announce a national distribution arrangement for its draught cider before Christmas. Merrydown also announced the acquisition of Sorelle, a sparkling herbal fruit drink, from Premier Teas.

# Interim suffers as How dips into red

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

HOW Group has cut its interim dividend to 0.75p (1p) a share as exceptional redundancy and severance costs pushed the building and engineering services contractor into the red.

The company, which is based in West Bromwich, West Midlands, suffered a loss before tax of £96.000 in the six months to the end of June, against a profit of £507,000 last time, after an exceptional charge of £591,000.

Turnover slumped to £75.2 million, down from £123.1 million previously, in what the group described as the worst trading conditions since its origins in 1947. Order books are down by a third on the comparative period, but this was exacerbated by the group's decision not to chase business at reduced margins.

Peter How, chairman, blamed most of the fall in

turnover on the engineering services division, which has shed a further 20 per cent of its workforce during 1992 in the continued drive to reduce overheads.

The division is directly exposed to the construction industry and has had to shed about 250 jobs this year. leaving a workforce of 1.160 compared with staffing levels of about 2,300 in 1990. How's businesses were also

affected by the failure of Canary Wharf and Mountleigh, although its exposure is described as "modest", with a 'worst case scenario" for bad debts already provided at £500,000.

There is a 0.35p loss per share, against earnings of 0.51p a share last time. The group's cash reserves stood at about £7 million at the half year stage. The shares eased 2p to 24p.

## New tenant found for Alban Gate

By MATTHEW BOND

MEPC, the property group, has secured another tenant for Alban Gate, the huge office block built over London Wall in the City of London. GT Management, the in-

vestment manager, is to take 24,000 sq ft on the 14th floor. The letting comes a week after Chemical Bank saidit would take 164,000 sq ft in preference to an earlier decision to move to Canary Wharf.

Like the Chemical letting. GT has secured break clauses in its lease, further evidence that the structure of the standard 25-year lease is coming under pressure in the competitive London office market. GT can break its lease in years ten and 15, while Chemical Bank has break clauses in years one, five and 15. Alban Gate rents are thought to be about £30 a sq ft, payable after two rent-free years.

### **BUSINESS ROUNDUP**

# Johnson Matthey buys US titanium supplier

JOHNSON Matthey, the specialist precious metals groups, has bought "for several millions of dollars" the Alta Group of Pittsburgh. Pennsylvania. Alta is the world's leading supplier of high-purity titanium. At the request of the vendors, JM is not disclosing the price paid, but says Alta has a good profits record, and in 1991 achieved a turnover of \$10 million. Alta's net assets at December 31 were \$5 million.

The acquisition will make an immediate contribution to JM's profits, and will further strengthen the group's existing American manufacturing operations. High-purity figanium

American manufacturing operations. High-purity titanium is used extensively in the semiconductor industry.

# HSBC's \$75m provision

HSBC Holdings, parent company of Midland Bank, will make a \$75 million provision for the quarter ending this month after a review of the \$2 billion-plus assets of its subsidiary Concord Leasing Inc. HSBC Holdings has also made a capital contribution of \$100 million to Concord. HSBC said Michael O'Hanlon, president and chief executive of Concord, and Richard Parkes, executive vice-president, have resigned and operational management of Concord has been assumed by an HSBC executive.

### Greenacre flourishes

GREENACRE Group, the nursing home operator run by Tony Acton, lifted pre-tax tax profits by 60 per cent from E377.000 to £005.000 in the six months to July 31 on turnover of £2.1 million (£1.3 million). Earnings per share were 0.45p (0.27p). The interim dividend rises to 0.13p (0.125p). The company, which changed its name from Brewmaker in November 1990, has 384 beds and reserves of £7 million to find future databases. £2 million to fund future developments, The new 60-bed Trowbridge Oaks Nursing Home opens on October 1.

### UK oil output rises

UK NORTH Sea oil output rose to 1.80 million barrels per day, up from 1.76 million in July, while Norwegian production fell by 5 per cent to 2.01 million bpd, according to a monthly survey by Arthur Andersen, the consultant. The report said UK output was at its highest level since February due to substantial increases in production from Brent, where the Alpha and Bravo platforms reopened after a shutdown in June. A fall of 108,000 bpd from the Statfjord field was the main cause of the fall in Norwegian output, the report said.

### Consort for Sherwood

SHERWOOD Computer Services, the USM-quoted software house, is acquiring Consort Data, a specialist supplier of computer systems to stockbrokers, for up to £1.06 million. Consort supplies systems to Stock Exchange members to enable efficient management of their back-office operations, Consort has more than 30 customers representing about 10 per cent of the market and its systems process some 8 per cent of all bargains transacted on the exchange.

## TNT's Abeles resigns

SIR Peter Abeles, managing director of TNT, the Australian transport group, announced his resignation yesterday. Sir Peter, aged 68, who will retain his position as joint head of Ansett Airlines, will be replaced at TNT by David Mortimer. Sir Peter said he resigned because of the increasing time and effort demanded by his duties to the multinational transport

# **NEC lifts spending** at Scottish plant

By Kerry Gill

vesterday announced a further £9 million investment at its plant at Livingston, West Lothian. Tadashi Suzuki. the company's senior executive vice president, disclosed plans to expand the plant's wafer fabrication manufacturing capacity and to introduce a new high technology "order pro-

business has grown to occupy

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The shares rose 1p to 7.3p.



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Lang: spectacular growth

NEC Semiconductors (UK)

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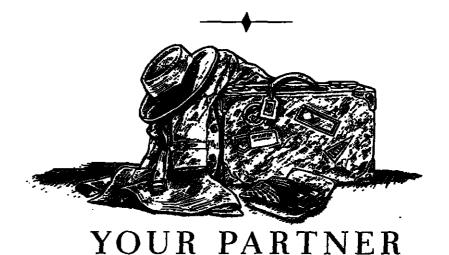
a 40-acre site. Investment in the plant has reached £175 million and it employs 830

lan Lang, the Scottish Sec-retary said: "It marks ten successful years for NEC in Scotland, During the early years of Locate in Scotland, NEC was persuaded of the many benefits offered by a Scottish location. The qualities of the Scottish workforce, productivity levels and the operat-

ing environment are all reflected in the spectacular growth of NEC's operation in Livingston." Mr Suzuki said he expected

that the semiconductor business would be three times higger by the year 2000 than at present and that NEC was determined to remain the premier semiconductor com-pany in the world. "Our basic policy is to get a better service to our customers with better products which should be produced at the nearest place to our customers. The most advanced semiconductor technology is available at the Livingston plant which gives better quality, better cost and better delivery to the European market and its customers than other suppliers," he said.

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# SEC casts its net beyond Wall Street

FROM PHILIP ROBINSON

THE Securities and Exchange Commission, which cracked down on insider dealing by investment bankers in the 1980s, is now getting tougher on white-collar crimes by individuals far removed from Wall Street.

Two cases announced last week show the SEC is aggressively applying rarely used sections of the share dealing laws and is casting its net wider to find those who profit from non-public material information. The cases involve 25 people from whom the SEC is seeking more than \$22 million in repaid profits, fines and other penalties. The SEC usually claims the original profit plus three times its

value with interest. Those involved include a public-relations office, a secretary, an electrician, a chemist, a property developer, an accountant and a nightclub owner.

In one case, centring on Grand Metropolitan's 1988 takeover of the American food group Pillsbury, seven people alleg-edly made an estimated \$750,000 profit from knowing it was about to happen.

In the second, 18 people are said to have made \$4.5 million when the French hotel group Accor bought the American budget-price Motel 6 chain. SEC investigators say the case is the largest and most extensive it has exposed. Lawyers say the GrandMet case shows

a big shift in the way the SEC is pursuing insider-dealer cases because it charged those who had no fiduciary duty with either of the companies involved. The principal charges are made against Robert and Theresa Falbo, and

Mr Falbo's accountant, Anthony Capricuso. Mr Falbo was an electrician who installed a security system to protect GrandMet's acquisition files and Mrs Falbo was the secretary to a GrandMet executive in America.

The SEC alleges that a master key to the security system had been kept enabling information to be gathered on

the the takeover during the summer of

1988. Mr Falbo is said to have shared the information with acquaintances, including Mr Capricuso who allegedly shared it in turn with others. Mr Falbo and Mr Capricuso each face a conspiracy charge and nine criminal charges of securities fraud, carrying jail sentences of up to 95 In the Motel 6 case, the SEC accuses Hugh Thrasher, the chain's vice-president for communications and marketing.

of having passed information to his friend Carl Harris. Mr Thrasher denies

all allegations and says he made no profits from trading by others and did not "tip" anyone illegally. The SEC says Mr Thrasher provided information to Mr Harris as a gift to a friend he had been supporting financially. Mr Harris died in April The SEC claims Mr Harris shared the information with his room-mates, family and friends who in turn shared it with friends, including a nightclub owner, property

developer and pharmacist and several

Californian businessmen.

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STOCK MARKET

# Pharmaceutical sector suffers

ICI, still regarded as an accurate barometer of British in-dustry, tumbled 63p to £11.48 after giving the City a timely reminder that the recession is

Hoare Govert, one of its own brokers, underlined just how difficult trading conditions remain by carrying out a swingeing downgrading of its profit forecasts. Hoare has cut its estimate for the current year by £160 million to £620 million and for 1993 by £125 million to £875 million.

The third quarter, which ends later this week, has been a difficult time for the group. with bulk chemicals continuing to decline, agrochemicals remaining weak and pharma-ceuticals coming under increasing generic competition. Martin Evans at Hoare is

forecasting halved pre-tax profits of about £100 million for the period and says there

are few signs of recovery.

The ICI share price has been powering ahead since Britain dropped out of the exchange-rate mechanism. amid hopes that the company will benefit from a cheaper pound. But any benefits from the currency markets are likely to be wiped out by deteriorat-ing trading conditions.

The shares certainly look expensive at around the E12 level," he says. Prices and volume levels in bulk chemicals have been falling for some time and show no sign of recovery. "We took the view that the figures just did not add up, so we took a red pencil to them", added Mr Evans.

Hoskins

pubs go to

clear debt

£83,060 in the year to end-

March on turnover down to

£1.75 million (£2.08 million). Earnings climbed to 1.38p a

☐ Maple Leaf Inns, formed in

June, has added a further 50

pubs, the majority of them in

the Midlands and Wales, to its

initial 18 pubs in the North

West, which it acquired from

Drummond sinks

Drummond Group, the tex-

tiles and property group, gave warning to shareholders not to

expect a profit or an interim

dividend for the current finan-

cial year. Trading has deterio-

rated, largely due to problems

arising from the integration of

the Countauld Woollens busi-

ness and other production and

technical problems within the

group's own woollen and wor-

Shares in Metsec slid 27p to

97p after the group, that ser-

ves the building, electronic,

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as losses deepened to

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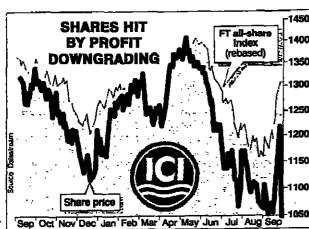
end-June (£285,000 loss).

again no dividend.

Bass last month.

sted divisions.

Metsec slides



Meanwhile, the pharmaceuti-cal sector remained under a cloud upset by persistent American selling because sterling's weakness makes British equities appear expensive. Morgan Stanley, the Ameri-

Brokers are becoming more anxious about half-year figures on Thursday from Forte. the hotel group, with the price falling 8p to 132p. Pre-tax profits are expected to be down from £42 million to £29 million with County NatWest. the broker, reiterating is "sell" recommendation yesterday. Rival Warburg Securities is also said to be bearish.

can securities house, is bearish of the sector, but Andrew Porter says the selling is not justified and urges clients to use the current weakness as an opportunity to buy the shares. He points out that most drug

and some gloomy comments from Geoffrey Mulcahy, the Kingfisher chairman, who gave a warning that the devaluation of sterling could lead to higher retail prices. He is reported as saying that consumer spending patterns had changed for good and that the boom of the 1980s would not be repeated for

companies make the bulk of

their earnings outside this

tinue to experience lower But there were losses yester-day for Glaxo, 24p to 746p, and Smith Kline Beecham A. margins. His comments helped depress the rest of the retail sector 8p to 473p. Merrill Lynch, the with falls recorded in Boots. broker, also downgraded prof-

the visit and what analysts saw

encouraged them to urge cli-

price was not helped by the depressed market backdrop

another ten years. Consumer

confidence remained at a low

ebb and retailers would con-

Grand Metropolitan appears to have few friends in the City these days after its recent profits warning indicating the final figure is likely to be

about the same as last year.

Brokers are continuing to

downgrade profit estimates. The price fell 26p to 423p

with BZW said to have cut its

estimate for this year by £20 million to £930 million.

sonally adjusted, annualised

rate of 6.5 per cent.
"Much more disconcert-

ing," says the Reserve Bank.

has been the substantial de-

crease in gross domestic fixed

"From a high in the fourth quarter of 1989 until the

leaving the price 41p lower at 909p.
The rest of the equity market suffered something of a reac-tion after recent gains. This was prompted by the news from ICI and further volatility on the currency markets, which appears to rule out the prospect of another early cut in

iterest rates. The FT-SE 100 index finished near its low of the day 41 down at 2,560, wiping out all of last week's gains. Turnover was 487 million shares, low compared with recent levels.

14p to 483p, Body Shop, 13p to 159p, Burton Group, 3p to 372p, Marks and Spencer. Kingfisher fell 20p to 515p 3p to 324p, Next, 13 p to 99p. Ratners, 1p to 92p, Sears, 2p on profit-taking after an analysts' visit to its B&Q DIY to 72p, Will Smith A, 10p to division on Friday. Dealers

say a large bull position had built up in the shares before Pentos, the bookshops and office stationery group, fell 6p to 77p after Smith New Court. the broker, placed a line of 6.3 million shares with various in-stitutions at 75p. The shares, ents to take profits. The share accounting for almost 5 per cent of the company, are thought to have been part of an agency cross but no indication was given to the identity of the seller. Allied-Lyons came under

further selling pressure, fall-ing 5p to 606p as Société Générale Strauss Turnbull followed the lead of Hoare Govett and downgraded its profit estimates. There was little support for the rest of the drinks sector with Bass down 5p at 560p. Wolverhampton & Dudley 6p at 544p, Boddington Group 2p at 176p, and Greenalls 2p at

392p. Merrydown was another weak market with shares of the USM-quoted company dropping 43p to 255p after a warning to shareholders at the annual meeting that the cider market will show only slight growth on the year because of difficult

trading conditions. Guinness perked up to re-cover an early fall and close all-square at 552p on the news that its French associate, Moet Hennessey Louis Vuitton had bought a further 11 million shares, taking its total holding in the company to 24 per cent. Warburg Securities is reckoned to have paid about 555p

MICHAEL CLARK

# **AGF** falls 24% in first half

FROM REUTER IN PARIS

MICHEL Albert, chairman of Assurances Générales de France (AGF) said the "disappointing first-half results only partially reflected the sorry state of the European insur-

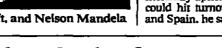
ance industry. He said the 24 per cent drop in net attributable profit could hide some favourable trends Britain had improved, earnings from damage-insurance business in France were beginning to pick up and life insurance was offering good profitability.

AGF, whose net attributable profit fell from Fr1.84 billion to Frl.4 billion, was the first French insurer to publish its

first-half accounts. Three factors weighed on first-half results: restructuring costs stemming from overseas investments (Fr180 million). amortisation of goodwill, primarily on foreign acquisitions (Fr146 million), and provi-sions for real estate risks

(Fr190 million). M. Albert declined to give a forecast for full-year results or estimate damages from the recent storms in southern France, Unconfirmed market talk says total claims will

approach Fri billion. Higher rates and cuts in general costs would boost operating profit in France, but monetary upheaval in Europe could hit turnover in Britain and Spain, he said.



# Reserve Bank paints gloomy picture of S African economy

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

day that the recession not only

deepened in the last quarter

but that it also became more

widespread throughout the

In the first half of this year, it

says, decreases were registered in value-added products by

most economic sectors, includ-

Hoskins Brewery, the Leicester brewer, is selling nine of MORE bad news for the South African economy was hampton & Dudley Breweries predicted at the weekend by for £2.45 million in order to the Reserve Bank. Its quarterly eliminate all of the group's bulletin says the rate of decline in real gross domestic product for 1992 "could amount to Hoskins also unveiled pretax profits ahead 46 per cent to

about 1.5 per cent". The bulletin adds: "It is. however, considerably more difficult to predict at what point in time a lower turning

be reached." An upturn in economic activity, the bank says, will depend on the drought ending in the coming rainy season, the extent of growth in the

velonments. On at least two of these factors there is reasonably

First, the El Niño effect large-scale oscillations in weather patterns — in the Pacific Ocean, on which this year's drought was blamed, has receded, and it has already been raining in Natal.

Second there was good political news at last on Saturday as President F W de Klerk and Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, finally attended a summit meeting which is expected to lead to a resumption of constitutional talks, and the establishment of an interim

Until that happens the decline may well continue. The Reserve Bank reported yester-

### second quarter of 1992, real ing agriculture, non-goldmining, manufacturing, con-struction and wholesale and gross domestic fixed capital formation declined by almost largest part of capital expendi-Not only that but real gross ture was used to replace existdomestic expenditure has ing assets, and not to extend the production capacity of the shown a declining trend since the second quarter of 1988, that is from well before the economy." The bank adds: "The low present downturn in economic world's leading economies and on domestic political deactivity. In the second quarter of 1992 real gross domestic level of current investment has serious implications for future expenditure declined at a seaeconomic growth." encouraging news.



Talking heads: F W de Klerk, left, and Nelson Mandela

# Bosses feel the pinch of recession

BY A CORRESPONDENT

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10 per cent. Bonus payments rose to 120,000 from 80,000

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# Profit downgrade helps ICI share composition

PRIVATELY, ICI might feel like thanking the broking fraternity, and Hoare Govett in particular, for chucking a pot of red paint over 1992 profit estimates, thereby bringing the share price back into more sober frame.

Yesterday's sharply downgraded forecasts, suggesting that 1992 pre-tax profits might be £620 million (or 55.4p a share) instead of an earlier hoped for £780 million, compared with £991's actual pre-tax profit of £843 million preserves the ground million, prepares the ground for the third-quarter profits statement on October 29. It is widely believed that that will make horrid reading. In July, ICI took the sting

out of poorer interim results that showed pre-tax profits to end June had fallen from £507 million to £420 million by unfolding its master plan to split, in 1993, into two — ICI Bio, and ICI The Rest. Dusting down the old

group to make the two parts look like new pins ahead of their market "debuts" makes good corporate sense. But since 1993 profits hopes have also been sharply lowered - from £1 billion to £875 million — IC1 could have a harder time from here on in convincing investors of the wisdom of its proposed split. Why buy shares in two companies, neither of whose fortunes look rosy?
ICI can not have wel-

comed the rotten business climate, nor the wild swings in currencies, that have opened up fresh cracks in its 1992 profits profile. Nor can it be comfortable that there is no early relief in sight.

One saving investment grace is that the 1992 divi-dend should be held at 55p a share, though cover will be a paper thin. Preservation of cash will be 1993's chall-enge, and miserable profit forecasts will make the question of 1993's dividend an

issue that will not go away.

At £11.45, down 63p, and
on 14.8 times 1993 profit
hopes, fCI shares are still at a premium to the market. There could be more red paint against the price yet.

### Kwik-Fit

SHARES in Kwik-Fit Holdings are selling for little more than a third of their value earlier this year, and have lost a further 15 per cent since the full impact of the downturn in the replacement tyre market was reflected in the group's interim figures a couple of weeks ago. The question is, has the



fall been overdone, and is Kwik-Fit ready for a fast fix. At 82p, the shares are still valued at 12 times current expectations of this year's earnings, which scarcely makes them cheap particu-larly given the change in sentiment engendered by the group's apparent surprise at the severity of the recession in its prime market.

It was at the end of July. five months into the company's year, that the market got wind of a problem, and Tom Farmer, chairman and chief executive, gave warning that sales were down. His failure to convey the extent of the damage led to a steeper slide in the shares when profits were seen almost to have halved, from £16.7 million to £9.7 million. The swell in demand for tyres, driven by new legislation, that lifted sales in January and February, subsided in the spring, since when, Mr Farmer claims, motorists have been

What should not be overlooked, meanwhile, is the strong balance sheet, where end-August debts of about £6 million are expected to evaporate by the year-end, and the ample cover still avalaible for the dividend. even at current profit levels. Winning back its former rating is beyond Kwik-Fit in the near-term, and the shares may remain largely

WALL STREET

friendless until after the full results, but it may not be too early to tuck a few away.

### **Resort Hotels**

NEWS of seven new contracts to manage almost 300 bedrooms in west London failed to disturb the Resort Hotels share price, which, at 37p, still languishes a long way short of its 1992 peak of 89½ p. despite support from a growing army of analysts.

The company's fans like the new policy of concentrating on management contracts, welcome a better balance sheet, which sees the group ungeared, and point to the fall in the share price as a good opportunity to buy. Resort runs a three-star network of hotels, while only a third of turnover relating to leisure. Yesterday's deal filled a notable absence in the geographic portfolio.

The market's concern centres largely on the complex Resort has agreed to buy two satellite firms operating as business expansion schemes. The deals will inflate gearing again, to maybe 50 per cent by April 1994. The group also faces a rising tax charge.

On current earnings proiections, the shares are selling on a multiple of five times. They have possibilities, but widows and orphans beware.

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BOSSES are having their perks and pay packets squeezed in the recession, according to a new survey. Executive salaries are increasing by an average 6.9 per cent compared with 10.9 per cent a year ago and middle managers' average salary rises are 4 per cent instead of last year's

THERE was further misery for the long end of the market

as prices continued to lose

ground with investors again switching into shorts and

index-linked. Another nervous performance by the

pound against the mark did little to help the situation with

hopes of another imminent

cut in bank base rates contin-

Turnover fell below recent levels and on the futures market with only 16.0000

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Long Gilt in thin nervous trading.

Prices at the longer end

again came under pressure

amid persistent speculation

that the pound's devaluation will lead to a rise in inflation.

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curve. In shorts Exchequer 94 per cent 1998 rose seven ticks to £1057/32.

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fell from 16.5 per cent of basic salary to 13.4 per cent for the year ending August 31.

According to the survey, by Noble Lowndes, the pay and benefits consultant, the maximum leasing period on company cars has increased to 60 months from 48 months in 1991.

and the proportion of top-of-

14.4 per cent to 14 per cent. On health care, there was a 17 per cent rise in the number of executives who contributed to their medical insurance premiums and a 15 per cent growth in discount schemes where they paid the whole

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the range cars dipped from

### Bargain hunters

New York - Bargain hunters helped shares edge up, but investors remain skittish, analysts said. The Dow Jones industrial average was up about seven points at 3,257 in the late morning.

☐ Tokyo — Stocks fell sharply and the Nikkei average closed

lift Dow

down 422.15 points or 2.29 per cent at 17,972.61. Prices fell on futures-linked sales.

☐ Frankfurt — A report saying Volkswagen, the car maker, would have heavy operating losses in 1992 hit German shares, pushing the DAX index 40.30 points down to 1,473.06, a 1992 low.

□ Sydney — Shares closed slightly higher after hovering in negative territory most of the day. The All-Ordinaries index ended 0.1 up at 1496.5.

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# Dan-Air needs a confidence trick

ike banking, the holiday business depends on confidence. Rumours of trouble, especially financial trouble, can create disproportionate damage and eventually become self-fulfilling. Holidaymakers shy away when the whispers begin to circulate and so do tour operators in case their customers pass on to the next glossy catalogue. So finding a solution to Dan-Air's difficulties was never likely to be easy. The first painstaking capital reconstruction stitched together by David James, chairman of Davies & Newman, Dan-Air's parent company, appeared to be fine. It seemed to provide the time and the finance for Dan-Air to trade out of its pressing difficulties. But however comforting the rows and columns of a cash flow forecast look when freshly printed, they are never more than educated guesses. In Dan-Air's case it was impossible to calculate the damage to confidence of its need to sweet talk bankers and others into going along with a re-financing. The impact appears to have been more severe than could have been expected.

The confidence problem is much more daunting for a company seeking help for a second time so soon after the last financial reconstruction. This may lead to a chicken and egg problem where bankers and investors hold back in fear that the holiday trade has lost confidence, and the holiday trade walks away in case the money men pull the plug.

One thing is essential to restore confidence, hard cash. Without it Dan-Air would fail the confidence test. Davies & Newman should therefore demand that rescue parties such as Richard Branson's Virgin group quickly put up some money to accompany their fine words of support. If it is not forthcoming, the doughty Mr James and colleagues should look elsewhere for backing. Their airline has highly prized takeoff and landing slots, a sizeable slice of the package tour market in Britain and is a fine base for expansion once the recession is over.

# Punt pressure

T f sterling's exit from the exchange-rate mechanism was precipitated by an unfortunate and illtimed rumour, then so was yesterday's panicky decision by the Bank of Ireland to raise the shortterm facilities rate by three percentage points to 13.75 per cent. Yesterday's rumour concerns apparent Franco-German plans for a monetary "mini-Europe", presumably with Ireland on the outside. As was the case with the rumour which led up to sterling's suspension from the ERM two weeks ago, this one has been strongly denied. Yet it is only too plausible. The Irish punt has been one of the weakest ERM currencies after the French referendum and had to be propped up by extreme measures. These included the reintroduction of exchange controls last week, and yesterday's board interest rate

The markets would have perhaps been even more ferocious but for prospects, however faint, that Ireland may after all become part of a monetary mini-Europe. Albert Reynolds, the Irish prime minister, said yesterday that if there was a two-speed Europe. Ireland would be in the fast track, since the fundamentals of the Irish economy are "in many respects healthier than Germany's".

The markets will take a sceptical look at such cloud. At the bottom of the range are the two Iberian currencies, definitely "non-core". Most peculiar is the position of Denmark. The Danish finance minister said yesterday that, while a monetary mini-Europe would not be desirable. Denmark would want to take part in the fast-lane if it cannot be avoided. This puts the Danish "ney" to Maastricht into perspective. The mini-Europe may be rather larger than expected.

# Mercury prepares to tap into the private telephone sector

Mark Newman

examines how BT's

main competitor is

planning to extend its business with a national advertising campaign

ix years after opening its public telephone service, Mercury Communications is at last preparing for a major assault on BT's monopoly of the residential and small business market. A national advertising campaign with the message "Mercury gives you value for money" will reach television screens this autumn.

Rod Attwooll, Mercury's newlyappointed managing director, be-lieves that within five to ten years, Mercury will be deriving a third of its revenues from residential customers. a third from small business and a third from large companies. It currently takes 80 per cent of its revenues from large companies, most of the rest from small businesses and only a tiny per cent from residential customers. Mercury has 250,000 residential customers compared to BT's total of 18 million residential lines.

Mr Attwooll says that a targetting of the residential market "is the next logical stage of growth for Mercury after having spent five to six years in the business area". The company had to concentrate on the business market initially, he says, to recover its capital investment. The Cable and Wireless subsidiary has so far invested close to

£2 billion building its network.

He acknowledges that the thinking behind this is that "it wouldn't make sense to run the risk of keeping all our revenues in one basker". If Mercury could be sure that the top end of the business market continued to show improving growth and profit potential, it might be less concerned about the move down market.

But within the last year, BT has started to provide bulk discount schemes to large users to slow down migration to Mercury. It even has a special "winback" team whose job it is to advise BT account managers on how to lure back customers. The team has targeted 2,000 customers across the UK that it wants to win back.

BT is not the only threat. A number of new companies are planning to enter the UK telecoms market. Like Mercury in its formative years, they will be targeting large businesses. Companies which have already applied to the trade department for telecommunications licences include Sprint, the American long-distance operator; World Com, the Geneva group; as well as Yorkshire Electricity and Scottish Power.

telephone services business, meanwhile, is being hit by a downward trend in tariffs resulting from new competition and efforts by large users and international bodies, such as the European Commission, to eliminate the discrepancies between international tariffs and long-distance nat-

Tim Hurst, a telecoms analyst at link up with a different local tele-



Kleinwort Benson, thinks Mercury has also been influenced by "a need to be seen to get into the residential market". The whole idea of bringing in competition to BT in the early 1980s, he says, "was to give a better deal to the man on the street".

Mercury has been criticised by user groups for failing to give BT a run for its money in the residential telephone business. Mr Hurst says: "It is not in Mercury's interest to create an environment where the government wants to bring in more competition."

Even if Mercury had wanted to move into the residential market before now, its dependence on other operators to deliver its long-distance and international services to customers would have limited the number to whom it could offer a service.

Because Mercury has no intention of duplicating BT's network of cable, it has to carry the first leg of any call nearest Mercury switch. International calls are handed over by Mercury to the operator in the relevent country. National calls are delivered right to the called party, if they are directly connected to Mercury. But in most instances, Mercury has to hand the call back to BT.

A better solution for Mercury is to

phone company. The cable television companies are the only option at present, although in future, Mercury is optimistic that local operators will set up using radio signals.

As far as carrying calls over BT lines is concerned, this requires costly modifications to be made to BT exchanges so that they can pick up Mercury calls. BT and Mercury have been quibbling over how much Mercury should pay for these modifications for several years. For a long time, Mercury was only able to reach 50 per cent of the country's telephone subscribers. Even now, it can only reach 80 per cent of subscribers.

he problem with using the cable television companies to deliver long-distance services is that Mercury has had to wait for them to build their local television and telephone netpanies have struggled to meet the deadlines for building their networks laid down by Oftel, the telecoms regulator, and only within the last year have they begun to take on subscribers in large numbers. In the first six months of this year, cable companies installed nearly 27,000 lines, an increase of 125 per cent.

Mercury's residential advertising

age that it is cheaper than BT for long-distance calls. Which?, the Consumers' Association's magazine, ran a survey of BT and Mercury services in August and found that at economy rates, Mercury cuts BT charges by between 28 per cent and 41 per cent on long-distance calls and by up to 20 per cent on international calls. It advised consumers to switch to Mercury if they spent more than £12 a quarter on calls outside their local areas during ecomony periods. Below this. Mercury is not worth considering because there is an £8.81 a year subscription charge and you also have to buy a special Mercury compatible phone. This is in addition to BT rental charges.

campaign will drive home the mess-

Soon, however, there will be no need to buy a special Mercury phone. Mercury's advertising campaign will coincide with the launch of a new service aimed at the resid market called Easy Access. Any phones will be able to access the Mercury network - even the old rotary dial telephones - although it will still cost £8.81 a year for the right

All you need to do to make a call via Easy Access is dial 132 and proceed with the call. When you have a Mercury phone, you have to press a telephone company.

Be magnanimous and forget the trials of Taurus

a time of no choice.

special blue button before making a

There is one drawback, however. with the blue-button and 132 op-tions. If the caller forgets to press the blue button or dial 132 first, the call will automatically be routed via BT. Mercury would like to introduce a service available for some time in America called equal access.

Mercury's advertising campaign will tell the public about the benefits it can offer without going into the specifics about whether you are better off buying the service from a cable television company, a Mercury phone type subscription or Easy Access. This, after all, could confuse the subscriber.

The company wants people to follow up their interest in its advertising by calling and finding out how they can take Mercury. The operator will then be able to tell the caller whether cable television is arriving soon, if it is possible to take an indirect connection and whether or not he or she needs to buy a new telephone. If Mercury is not available in the caller's particular area. Mercury will be able to say when it is due to

annerships with the cable television companies are Mercury's preferred option because it avoids having to use BT. But Mercury's relationships with the cable companies have not been without their problems and in the longer term, they could become competitors rather than partners.

Some operators complain that Mercury has gone after business customers in their franchise areas. Others are unhappy about the margins that they receive from Mercury for telephone calls.

As soon as they have enough subscribers, many cable operators will buy their own switches and become independent operators rather than merely local agents for Mercury. In the longer term, cubic television operators in the London area intend to link their networks together, which would mean bypassing Mercury altogether.

These concerns may be behind talks between Cable and Wireless and US West, a regional US telephone operator with stakes in 17 cable television franchises, with a view to selling a stake in Mercury and, possibly, Mercury taking a stake in US West's cable operations.

If US West had a stake in Mercury there would be little sense in it competing for the same customers, or building separate links to bypass Mercury. On the other hand, Mercury might run the risk of alienating other cable television operators. Mr Attwooli denies, however, that

there is any long-term danger of partnerships breaking down. "The task of building a local network is so sense to do this as a partnership.

Mercury does realise, however, that some cable television companies might one day decide not to use its services. Mr Attwooll is keen, therefore, to develop a range of services and benefits that people associate with Mercury and which they will specifically request from their local

ast-win

# THE TIMES

### Not 'resigning' but 'consulting' THE Terry Smith fallout con-

tinues to rock UBS Phillips & Drew where it emerges that Chris Cawcutt, head of personnel, has now resigned. Cawcutt handled the initial disciplinary meeting when Smith, the former P&D head of research, first launched his controversial book, Accounting for Growth, in August. Smith was finally fired on September 7 and Cawcutt's resignation letter followed a few days later. Yesterday, a P&D representative denied that Cawcutt had been fired or forced to resign after criticism of the way P&D handled the Smith affair. According to the spokesperson, Cawcutt, in his mid-10s, wants to "pursue a career in consultancy. He was definitely not fired or requested to step down." Cawcutt will continue to be employed by P&D until the end of the year. although from October it appears he will be seen less in house, his consultancy role taking almost immediate effect. "In fact, he has only agreed to stay on to the year end to handle the Terry Smith affair. He will be acting as a consultant on the matter." P&D said last night.

### Short break

THE old hands at the Stock Exchange know how to have a good joke but one misfired on Friday when Brian Winterflood of Winterflood Securities put up a spoof Airbreak holiday for auction at the Stock Exchange Veterans dinner. Everyone present knew that



Airbreak had collapsed that day - except, it seems, one senior bond dealer from Warburg. The dealer, who must remain unnamed, seemed determined to outbid Winterflood to win the Airbreak holiday for four. Terry Buckland of UBS Phillips & Drew, chairman of the vets. says Winterflood was in a frenzy as the Warburg man, somewhat the worse for drink, raised his bid. "He kept upping it by £50 and we thought he'd go on for ever, so Brian let him win at £500," Buckland says. The vets wisely refused the £500 cheque for the non-existent holiday - "We could have been sued", says Buckland leaving Winterflood to donate £500, rather more than he had intended, towards the £15.000 raised for charity.

### Scissors at dawn

THE election of a new Lord Mayor takes place tomorrow and City barbers have their scissors poised anticipating which of them he will favour. Sir Brian Jenkins, the current

Lord Mayor, is firmly wedded to Khops in Bow Lane. Khops Mr Lee has been cutting Sir Brian's hair for more than 20 years and was given the freedom of the City of London on Sir Brian's recommendation. But rival barber Geoffrey's. next to the Royal Exchange, claims it has been the pre-ferred mayoral choice since 1934. Francis McWilliams, an international arbitrator, expected to be confirmed mayor tomorrow, is keeping them guessing. He lives in St Alhans and is not known to have a regular City barber.

### **CNW** rings MORE decisive action at

County NatWest, with Philip Augar, head of global equities since July, having just recruit-ed specialist salesman Andy Bell, 32, from Kleinwort Benson. Bell and analyst Jamie Stevenson have for four years been Extel's number one team in both building materials and contracting and construction. They were also this year's "All Star" cross-sector team. Bell joins County in January as head of specialist sales where he will be charged with injecting some of his style into other specialist areas. He will, in addition, head sales in conglomerates and other industrial materials. Bell says his great regret will be splitting up with Stevenson, an old personal and family friend. The two came together eight years ago at Savory Milln and moved to Wood Mackenzie. Ironically, they left when NatWest bought the broker in 1987.

DEBRA ISAAC

### Removing occupational pensions from the control of employers

From Sean Hand

Sir, As a pensions lawyer, I found David Blake's article (The Times, September 18) stimulating and thought

The single greatest failure of the present legal framework is its inability to cope with the inherent conflict of interest between employers, trustees and beneficiaries in final salary occupational pension It seems to me, that Mr

Blake's proposals would remove most of these conflicts. The characterisation of pensions (as distinct from contributions) as deferred pay, fails to recognise the fact that schemes are primarily intended to be savings vehicles of their members, comprising not only employer contribu-tions, but also employee con-

tributions and investment The fact that an employer chooses to contribute to a pension scheme is hardly justification for the retention of occupational schemes under employer control. Indeed. some employers may welcome release from the responsibilities for administering the schemes which they have

established. Mr Blake's proposal that schemes be completely independent of employers is a logical extension of the separation of assets principle so central in trust law. The independent fund management From Nicholas Buser group would reduce opportunities for employer theft from

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schemes and achieve greater security of scheme assets. Most interesting, however,

is Mr Blake's recognition of the need for occupational schemes (including final salary schemes) to match the portability" of personal pensions and the unitised basis of

valuations of accrued benefits.
The inability of many final salary schemes to provide this form of regular investment information is leading many employees to prefer money purchase arrangements, despite the fact that in the long term they may be less

beneficial. If Mr Blake's proposals are too radical for Professor Goode's Committee to countenance, it may be worth remembering that the govern-ment's commitment to achieving a level playing field between different types of pension provision, would be considerably enhanced if emplayees were entitled to request that employer pension contributions be directed to a scheme of their choice, if they did not wish to join their

Yours faithfully, SEAN HAND, Cameron Markby Hewitt. Sceptre Court. 40 Tower Hill,

### new attitude will stand him in good stead. He can forget Taurus and

From Mildred Bateman Sir, Doctor J. D. Jackson writes, (Business Letters, Sep-

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tember 15), of his interest-free loan to his son, the repayment of which is overdue.

Dr Jackson holds his son's

only share certificate, of similar value to the loan, as an informal collateral and asks how, with the advent of Taurus, he can prevent the sale of this holding without his own knowledge? As a parent of three child-

university honours degree, I am well conditioned to finding children a dead weight upon one's hands. Since that time, £4,000 has been contributed to further courses, which were once the

ren, each of whom has a

distinctive role of the local authorities, for training and promotion. The net result is that my children have never contributed to this family home, though

their visits provide great enjoyment. My advice to Dr Jackson is to give back the share certificate to his son and declare that

the loan is now deemed to have been a gift. The doctor is a man of far greater substance than his son. He should be concerned that a relationship of mutual regard should last into his

He should prefer, too, to be

ed some penalty, or enhanced

her contract, wouldn't she find

it difficult to conceal a smile in

similar circumstances?

### Finding it hard to keep a straight face

employer's scheme.

Sir, Surely Mrs Pauline Graham is expecting too much in asking for sombre photographs of CEOs whose companies have downgraded their

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS BUSER, Delancey Park House. St Sampsons. After all, if she had just Guernsey increased her earnings, avoidWest Midlands.

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Sally Hughes looks at the unfamiliar area of mass environmental litigation



# Fighting the polluters

partner in the law firm Sproulls, of Bodmin and Camelford, used to spend his summer lunchtimes on the Cornish beach and his evenings sailing. That was until 1989. Almost overnight his caseload of 200 active files increased to 350 as waves of new dients arrived with daims against the South West Water Authority.

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The authority had negligently dumped 20 tonnes of aluminium sulphate in Camelford's drinking water. Contrary to the authority's claim drink, many local people suffered short-term and longterm symptoms, which they blame on the incident.

Mr Key laid up his boat early that year and buckled down to deal with one of the UK's first mass actions against polluters. This is a new area

The skills and logistics of getting such a big show on the road pose enormous practical problems and diverge from traditional practice, rooted in the individualisation of conflict. The subject matter and iar territory for the courts - so much so that Charles Pugh, a barrister, and Martyn Day, a solicitor, have written Toxic Torts, a guide for professionals, support groups and anybody else interested in this litigation minefield.

The area is so new that actions begun in the late 1980s are just beginning to reach the courts. Next month the claims of childhood leukaemia sufferers from the area around Sellafield will be tried in the High Court. In November the Court of Appeal will consider the pre-trial issue of whether to strike out the Camelford residents' claim that exemplary damages be awarded on top of the usual compensation for personal injury. This means that at least three years after proceedings started the claims have not

reached the courts. Ten of Mr Key's clients are still pursuing court cases. Oth-

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Playing safe: bottled water had to be used at Camelford

ers have settled. Other plaintiffs were represented by different solicitors. Mr Key's involvement was a kind of accident of geography, typical in pollution cases, which resulted, as Toxic Torts says, in his being "thrown in at the deep end". In

fact, Mr Key is a personal injury specialist in his locality. and says that merely being in a country practice does not rule out the availability

of expertise. "All around the country there are bright people who are able to take on such cases and fight them hard," he says. "No matter who handles it, it is always difficult dealing with a big defendant with tons

of money." Luckily his firm had just installed a new computer system and soon evolved standard forms and precedents to lighten the load of paperwork. Working hours increased drastically. Thus far, thus familiar. However, all the re-

The lawyer must cases have benefited from take on an certain amount of collective action interventionist by lawyers, generally in the form of a role in this area' steering com-

cent "disaster

mittee that decides tactics and pools information. Mr Key found it difficult to work as part of a steering committee, being accustomed to having the sole care of one case at a time. "It is hard to

make decisions that are fair to dreds of thousands of pages of everybody's clients," he says. scientific documentation But these practices are in their These are high stakes cases

The cost of the Sellafield trial

● Toxic Torts, written by Charles

Pugh and Martyn Day, is available from Cameron May. The

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will also be strengthened by new legal aid contracts for could run to £20 million. If liability is shown, the future multi-party actions, available cost of radiation poisoning to since June, which aim to deal with The scientists claims en bloc. to award "gedemand 95 per neric" work to

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This is also an area, say Mr Pugh and Mr Day, "where it is highly appropriate for the lawyer to take an intervention-Solicitors and law centres,

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particularly those who are near the pollution hot spots. are developing a more proactive strategy.
The Camelford claims were

dient-initiated" — dients knew they should go to a lawyer. However, in other cases those affected may not realise they can take action. often because the complex are obscure.

Plaintiffs' lawyers must gather and deploy scientific knowledge, ahead of a potential action. This means not only keeping up with medical scientific research, but also being prepared sometimes to go ahead without wholehearted scientific support when illness is "obvious-

"caused by pollution.
A court will decide for the plaintiff if it believes that the pollution was more likely than not to have caused the injury. A 51 per cent probability will weigh on the winning side.
The scientific community,

however, will not admit a causative link to its canons without 95 per cent certainty.

Nevertheless, the sheer quantity of science can be daunting. The pre-trial disclosure process in the Sellafield cases took two years and has resulted in what Mr Pugh and Mr Day estimate to be hun-

# An Act of faith in the wisdom of the courts

ners, probation officers and others will have to alter some of their practices under the Criminal Justice Act 1991, which comes into force on Thursday. The Act imposes a more rigorous framework on sentencing, introduces "unit fines" to all courts, abolishes the former remission and parole system, places 17-year-olds in new youth courts, and makes other changes to children's evidence.

The Act contains important principles from which attention can be distracted by other, obscurely worded provisions. Several sections restrict courts, but the main structure leaves them with wide discretion, especially in applying "the seriousness of the offence" concept. It aims to foster a partnership between Parliament, which would decide the

general principles. and the courts, which practical details. Whether the partnership will work may depend on whether judges and magis trates are persuaded. There are three posticking tential points:
The Act can be

taken to outlaw "exemplary sentences" disproportionate to the seriousness of the offence. But might the courts regard an ous because of its prevalence, such as an outbreak of joy-riding? If so, would this not undermine the Act by reintroducing exemplary

 Second, the Act says an offence is not more serious just because the offender has previous convictions, although courts may mitigate for a good record. The aim is to prevent heavy sentences on people who commit several minor offences. To what extent will section 29 (2), allowing courts to consider whether "the circumstances of other offences" aggravate this offence, be used to circumvent the basic principle? Third, where courts are sentencing a defendant for more than two offences, the decision on whether the case is serious enough for a community sentence or custody must be taken by considering only

two of the offences. The aim is to stop

several minor offences being aggravated so

that the offender is dealt with as a major

criminal. Will section 29 (2) be adapted to dilute this principle, too?

Lord Taylor, the new Lord Chief Justice. must give guidance swiftly if inconsistent interpretations are not to take root.

The criminal appeals office must be ureed to direct suitable cases to his court at the earliest opportunity, so that he and his colleagues can lay down interpretations of section 29 (2) and other controversial provisions. One of Lord Lane's achievements as Lord Chief Justice was to develop the technique of the sentencing guideline judgment. Lord Taylor should now take the difficult but necessary step of applying this The Magistrates' Association has issued informal guidance for magistrates' courts. but for the crown

> court there is virtually nothing on these everyday offences. One effect of the abolition of remission and discretionary parole for prisoners serving less than four years is that many sentences of this length will now mean longer inside. The Carlisle Committee. which recommended the changes, said the courts must cut sentences to compensate. The Act, sadly, says nothing about this. The Lord Chief Justice must nounce that this should be done, and say how it should be achieved. The first year will be a test of power and duty. The

government has made the Act's policies clear: long sentences for serious offenders and for the "dangerous", more community sentences and less prison for the less serious offenders, particularly those who commit several

Inside: will sentences be shorter?

Will the Court of Appeal be tempted to endorse the policies that accord with previous practices and to "read down" other sections? Will the lower courts follow suit. or will they strive to retain as many of their former practices as possible?

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### tendency to calculate rates on fewer biliable hours than do Americans.

Green court LORD Justice Woolf, who takes his seat in the House of Lords this week, is leading the call for a "one-stop shop" European environmental court. At the International Bar Association in Cannes last week, he said the "amorphous corpus" of legislation making up what is known as environmental law creates "problems of adjudication which are quite distinct from those which our existing courts are hest equipped to deal with". Enforcement was particularly

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important for supra-national environmental issues. Member states would not happily enforce directives if they were being flouted by other states. He proposed a model similar to that in New South Wales, where a land and environmental court covers environmental issues, with both criminal and civil jurisdictions. Its procedures are simple and speedy. "It is what can be described as a one-stop

### On the attack

WHILE legal aid lawyers were digesting their proposed new pay rates published last week. Stephen Gilchrist, of Hart Fortgang, was at the International Bar Association railing against government policy. He said the profession had no "confidence in the government's ability or integ-rity to deal properly with the legal aid scheme" or provide "those vulnerable clients whom the professsion acts". His audience included people from countries where basic human rights are ignored and the poor are denied access to the law. In the Philippines. 70 per cent of people cannot afford a lawyer except on a no-win-no-fee

basis, and the lawyer takes 60 per cent of the award. So there was some longing to have problems like Mr Gilchrist's.

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meeting attracted nearly 3,000 lawyers eager for thought me mete

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a mixture of sun, sea, law and cocktails. The sumptuous opening buffet on the beach, with food from all the regions of France and fireworks, attracted a crowd looking out for movie stars. They soon left when they found only lawyers. but not before a few kind locals offered to conduct a

whip-round for the legal pro-fession, which was obviously suffering badly from the

# Picture this

BACK in London, lawyers were out in force for the private view of a watercolours exhibition by the Alexander Brothers, Gregory and Matthew, at the Catto Gallery. sponsored by KPMG Management Consulting Europe. They were too shellshocked by the news of the economy and sterling's collapse to dig deep into their pockets, but amid talk of rapid descent the former international diver, Frank Dufficy, of Cameron Markby Hewitt, entertained his audience with a replay of great dives from the Barcelona Olympics. His description of how to take a running jump was the only one not directed at Norman Lamont.

### Swift justice

LORD Williams QC and John Rowe QC, chairman and vicechairman of the Bar respectively, who were in Argentina recently to advise the country on adopting an English-type system, were surprised to learn that the justice minister, Dr Leon Arslanian, resigned immediately after seeing them. He was protesting about judges being appointed on criteria other than merit.

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and one of its directors if the value of

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assets, with a minimum of £2,000.

More onerous requirements apply to a

director of a company whose shares are

listed or quoted on the London Stock Exchange. There are also strict limita-tions on the extent to which companies

can make loans or quasi-loans, as

on a stock exchange, or seeks equity

investment from a financing company, directors may bear additional personal

First, directors as a whole will have

increased responsibilities. In the case of

a prospectus or listing particulars,

giving information about a company,

statute law imposes criminal or civil liabilities if information is inaccurate.

This is extended by the Financial

Services Act covering a range of other

documents that are deemed to consti-

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• Corporate Trans-actions: If a com-

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Philip Goldenberg explains the pitfalls

evin Maxwell's £406 million bankruptcy may have sent a shiver down the spines of some of Britain's board directors. To what extent can company directors find themselves personally liable for the debts of of the companies

they manage? The sums in the Maxwell case are exceptional but all company directors can be victims of the same legal pitfalls.

The first lesson for any student of company law is that a company is a distinct legal person and accordingly that those who own or manage it are not personally liable for its debts. This privilege of trading with limited liability was, from the 1870s onwards, a significant engine of economic growth. matched by a concomitant obligation of public disclosure.

The veil of incorporation, however, may be lifted and those involved in running a company's affairs, in particular its directors, may be exposed to personal liability, in a number of ways. • Guarantees: Banks and other large creditors are not devoid of sense. Accordingly, where a small company is managed by its owners, personal guarantees may often be sought. This is also true in the case of a small subsidiary of a large group of companies, where the parent company may similarly be asked for guarantees. • Without authority: A director who enters into a commitment on a company's behalf without proper au-thority may well incur personal liabil-

ity. Even signing a company cheque not carrying the company's correct name will render the director personally liable. Although generally a third party dealing with a company can assume that a transaction authorised in what seems to be a correct manner will bind the company, there is an excep-tion where the third party is connected with the director concerned.

In addition, even if a company is



Liable: Kevin Maxwell after bankruptcy order was made against him

tute "investment advertisements". Second, in the case of any such transaction, directors, particularly those directly involved in managing the company, will be asked to give warranties or indemnities or both relating to the company's affairs to those provid-

ing or raising the capital.

Because of these potential liabilities, companies invariably have a detailed verification process for a prospectus or listing particulars, under which all factual statements are confirmed as defined by statute, to a director. This is true and all expressions of opinion are

confirmed to be honestly and reasonably held. No doubt those involved in the Robert Maxwell affair are even now lookdifficulty must take ing carefully at the flotation document professional advice for Mirror Group Newspapers. Infor-

mation on the ap-

the pension fund would be of special • Keep it green: There are also statutory obligations on a company where, to achieve greater compliance, the law says penalties for non-compliance may be personally exacted from individual discussions.

pointment of independent trustees of

individual directors.

This is particularly true on environmental matters, and it is a foolish board of directors that does not, in circumstances where the company's activities make it appropriate, commission an environmental audit and thereafter adopt appropriate policies and designate a director to be responsible for them. This applies equally to safety matters.

• Insolvency: The key area where the personal liability of directors has come to the fore is that of insolvency. If a company carries on trading when it has no reasonable prospect of paying its debts as and when they fall due, then directors who authorise this conduct or negligently fall to prevent it may end up being made personally liable without limit for all or part of the company's debts.

ny board of directors whose company is in a difficult financial position must pro-Liect themselves by promptly taking appropriate professional advice as to how best to proceed. Rather like unfair dismissal, what will be tested is not so much what was done or not done, but rather the procedures that were followed.

Becoming a company director is a little like getting married. One would not go to the extreme of the traditional Advice to Those Getting Married: "Don't": but one would at least say that becoming a company director should not be done lightly wantonly or ill-

• The author is a partner with the City solicitors S.J. Berwin & Co.

# Firms proceed to the East with caution

The innocent euphoria that accompanied the opening-up of the central European economies has been followed among lawyers by a cautious re-evaluation of the mediumterm prospects. The strike at the Polish Fiat factory and the political problems in the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) and the former Yugoslavia have emphasised the difficulties

of the region. Yet the mood among those already in Prague. Warsaw and Budapest is one of dogged determination. Theodore Goddard, for example, which is repre-sented in all three capitals, said last week that its policy is still "full steam ahead" Meanwhile Turner Kenneth Brown, which used to run its Prague practice from Brussels, is about to place a permanent English lawyer in the Czech capital.

Contrasted with British industry's caution about central Europe, the enthusiasm with which London lawyers leapt in could almost be described as reckless. And it was not just the top four or five firms. such as Clifford

Chance, Lovell White Durrant, that plunged in. Nabarro Nathanson, Turner Kenneth Brown, Mackrell Turner Garrett and Amhurst Brown Colombotti are just a few of the firms that now have offices in central

The reasons for making this commitment are as much emotional as hardheaded. In many cases it is because firms were sucked in to do work for the new governments by appeals to their vanity. Half the firms in London seem to have been drafting new codes and conventions for ministries in Warsaw, Prague and Budapest.

Perhaps one of the most honest answers about investing in central Europe came from Derek Sendrove, a partner with Nabarro. His family left Poland in 1910, Setting up in the former

Soviet bloc is slowly paying

affection and curiosity for the place. "As soon as I went to Poland in a personal capaci-

but he still had a deep

ty, I wanted to become involved professionally as well," he says.
"Persuading my partners
was not at all easy, and at
first they would not agree to

it. Then, however, we took on a large minerals project in Poland for a banking client, and that gave us the justification we needed to open an office." Nabarro has since

thrived. From its original cramped office it is moving to spacious premises. A second London partner is about

'Greater confidence

about political stability

would permit progress'

to arrive, and a total of five

expatriate lawyers are on

the team, as well as locally

Mr Sendrove says: 'To

make money in central Europe you have to show

commitment. You need of-

fices and you need local

There is, however, a tight-

rope to be walked on when

showing commitment".

Virtually every firm has sto-

ries of work done for the

government for little or no

fee. Some lawyers believe this is the admission ticket

to a charmed circle of fa-

voured Western practices.

Turner Kenneth Brown, for

example, has done extensive

work on Czechoslovakia's

association agreement with

the European Community,

but has shifted the emphasis

of its work away from the

recruited staff.

policy of going for profitable transactions. The result has been that the office paid for itself in the first year, and the firm now regards its return on its Czech investment as being "acceptable but not wonderful". A recent survey by Theodore Goddard revealed that

foreign investment. Lovell White Durrant has avoided

government work almost en-

tirely and follows a simple

if only there were greater confidence about political stability, real progress could be achieved.

Research shows that 22 per cent of Business Week magazine's global top 1,000 by size have targeted Eastern and central Europe as their top investment priority. Potentially this could mean up to \$20 billion of investment during the next five years. As a result, the long-term prospects for the central European economies are quite bright. Theodore Goddard, with

its American partner Dewcy Ballantine. has set up offices in all three central European states, and runs them as a single territory backed by a home team" from London. Two local

lawyers in Poland have now been brought in as a sign of the way the practice will develop. In the long term, it needs a strong local character.

Getting into bed with the right local lawyer, however, is not always easy. For Mackrell Turner Garrett, for example, it was difficult to find lawyers in Prague who were at all suitable. When they met their present partners Conjunctim, it was a great relief. The Conjunctim lawyers have a background of working for enterprises such as Skoda, or had been recent members of the legis-

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would say, it is 'working'. Not all in-house lawyers' earnings have kept to 3.2%. Those in their 30s have fared best, the largest rise being for Senior Legal Advisers in the 30-34 age group - from £82,068 to £95,520. There are a few instances, however, of earnings actually falling. Senior Legal Advisers aged 45 to 60 saw a drop from £94,752 to £91,421, and Legal Advisers aged 40-44 dropped from £65,065 to £63,742.

The highest paid in-house lawyers are the Senior Legal Advisers aged 40-44. Their average remuneration is £92,139. (The top 10% of them are \$133,250 to 10% of them earn £171,250; the bottom 10% earn £56,115.)

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Perhaps the most worrying trend to emerge from our survey is the decline of munufacturing industry in our 'pay-league'. Oil and banking top the league year after year, but manufacturing has fallen from 5th to 8th position. This must reflect the severe trauma that this sector of industry is going through. The very heart of our economy is in chronic decline, while the government celebrates one brilliant victory after another in its crusade against inflation. Alichael Chambers

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**Britons back athletics World Cup** 

# Christie declares intention to keep on running

FROM DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, IN HAVANA

World Cup here, Linford Christie reaffirmed his intention to compete through to the European championships and Commonwealth Games in 1994, when he will be 34. Whether the World Cup will still be running then remains open to conjecture.

Christie, winner of the 100 metres and second in the 200 metres, is a fan of the competition. "I would like to see it carry on," he said. Golin Jackson, who provided Britain with their only victory on the third and final day on Sunday. agreed. "It's a brilliant event and it should continue," he

In a vote of feet among Olympic champions and lead-ers of the rankings, Christie and Jackson were in the minority. Fewer than onethird came to support the event and it showed in the

In the men's events only Jackson, clocking 13.07sec for the 110 metres hurdles, and Jan Zelezny, with an 88.26-metres javelin throw, produced performances of the highest class. One quarter of the winning marks were infenor in comparison with those at the world junior champion-ships held in the preceding

The argument against the World Cup is that it is one big competition too many, now the world championships are in every men's track event was slower than at the last World Cup four years ago and in only two field events were marks

superior.
The absence, officially, of appearance or prire-money keeps the incentive low. Africa. never higher than fifth in five previous World Cups, won amid suggestions that team members were paid to com-pete. If there is a future for this competition, it will have to pay the athletes.

Britain finished second in the eight-team competition. despite fielding a squad that contained first-choice athletes in fewer than half the events. Behind Britain were four continents, Europe, the Americas, Asia and Oceania, and two countries, the Unified Team and the United States.

In the Unified Team and US squads, there were few names known outside those countries. The Americas, the host team, could not even muster an athlete to line up in two of the events. It was a World Cup not worthy of the

Starting the third day 12 points behind Africa. Britain were taken to within a point of the leaders with three events to go. Jackson and Christie were mainly responsible, though Brendan Reilly's third place in the high jump played its part. But then John Mayock la-boured to seventh place in the

RESULTS FROM HAVANA

MEN: 200m: 1, R Da Silva (Amencas) 20.56sec; 2, L Chnstle (GB), 20.72; 3 J Williams (US), 20.75, 5,000m: 1, F J Williams (US), 20.75, 5,000m; 1, F Bayesa (Africa), 13min 41.23sec; 2, A Barnos (Americas), 13.50.95; 3, J Farmer (US), 14.02.90; 7, J Mayock (GB), 14.16.95, 4 x 400m relay; 1, Alrica, 3.02.14; 2, Americas, 3.02.95; 3, Great Britain, 3.03.32. High jump; 1, Y Serguienko (UT), 2.29m; 2, J Solomayor (Americas), 2.26; 3, B Reilly (GB), 2.26, Javelin; 1, J Zelezny (Europe), 88.26; 2, T Petranoff (Africa), 79.90; 3, V Sasimovich (UT), 78.40; 5, M Hall (GB), 76.84.

WOMEN: 3,000m: 1, D Tulu (Afnca), 9min 05.89sec: 2, V Chuvasheva (UT), 9:08.30: 3, M Keszeg (Europe), 9:09.03. 4 x 100m relay: 1, Asia, 43.63sec: 2, Europe, 44.02: 3, Africa, 44.21. Long jump: 1, H Dreschler (Ger), 7.16m; 2, E Sinchukova (UT), 6.85; 3, L Ninove (Europe), 6.59.

Final standings: 1, Unified Team, 102pts; 2, Europe, 94; 3, Americas, 79; 4, United States, 79; 5, Germany.

HAVING captained Great every two years instead of 5,000 metres in a race won by Britain to second place in the every four. The winning time the African, Fita Bayesa, and the British challenge died. While Africa took 47 points

from a possible 48 in track events, from 400 metres to 10,000 metres, the British runners at 5,000, 10,000 and steeplechase suffered in the humidity. This is where the match was lost.

Frank Dick, Britain's direc-tor of coaching, while praising his team's overall performance, noted that the endurance athletes were providing "an area for concern".

"We must put together a humidity training camp as almost a fixed installation which our athletes can use during the winter to get the work in," he said.

Dick said that he had agreed to work with Elio Locatelli, Italy's chief coach, in the hope of clawing back some of the ground lost on the

Africans.
"Why should we not do a series of block bookings at a corporate European venture. perhaps in somewhere like the Bahamas?" Dick said. He added that the idea had found favour with lan Hamer and Colin Walker, Britain's 10,000 metres and steeplechase representatives here.

Of Britain's overall performance, Dick said: "This year has been an outstandingly successful one for us, with the successes at the Olympics, the Under 23 European Cup, right down to the juniors at their world championships. and now here. This is Britain at its highest point ever but with all the promise and optimism of more to come."

Christie plans to lead the way until 1994 and has set his sights on completing a "grand slam" of 100 metres championships next year.

He is in possession of the European, Commonwealth and Olympic titles and wants the world title in Stuttgart next summer. "That's the reason why I am hanging around."



Happy man: Christie relaxes on the track after the 200 metres in Havana

### CRICKET

# **Durham sign Fowler**

GRAEME Fowler, the former England and Lancashire opening batsman, has joined Durham on a two-year contract (Peter Ball writes). Fowler, who played 21 Tests for England between 1982 and 1985, was released by

Lancashire last month. Durham's need for reinforcements is pressing, and the experienced Fowler will help bolster batting which appeared fragile last season once Dean Jones had

Fowler has scored more

MATCHES between teams beginning with the same letter are often a good source of draws. There are four such examples this week: Sheffield United v Southampton, Preston North End v Plymouth Argyle, Stockport County v Swansea City and Albion Rovers v Alloa Athletic, However, there are also sound. logical reasons why all these games should end all square.

Only one point separates Sheffield United (twentieth) from Southampton (sixteenth) in the Premier League. Preston and Plymouth are seventeenth and sixteenth respectively in the second division and Stockport (second) are one point and one place higher than Swansea. Similarly,

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than 15,000 first-class runs, has an outstanding one-day record and is still an excellent fielder at the age of 35.

The opportunity to prove his point to Lancashire will come with the first two games next season. A four-day county championship match and a Sunday League game are both at Old Trafford.

☐ Imran Khan, who has not played for Pakistan since captaining them to the World Cup last March, has con-firmed that he is retiring from

### **POOLS FORECAST**

there is little to choose between Albion and Alloa in the Scottish second division. Derby County have already drawn three away matches this season. Be prepared for them to make it four, away to Cambridge United. Both sides are improving after bad starts. Expect Barnet, second in the

Shrewsbury Town, who are making rapid progress. The Diadora League premier division fixture between Marlow and Carshalton Athletic looks an even better draw proposition. Both had fine away victories on Saturday, Marlow 5-2 at Harrow and Carshalton i-0 at

third division, to be held at

home for the first time by

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a patchy spell behind them

### TENNIS

# Swiss celebrations contrast with British cup disarray

By Andrew Longmore, tennis correspondent Tom Gorman, the United

States team captain, has yet

to choose a surface for the tie,

but red clay would be the

most likely option. The final will doubtless be McEnroe's

farewell - as a player, at least

- to the Davis Cup, which has

brought out his best and his

worst, but to which he has

shown total commitment.

McEnroe might yet get his wish and return as Davis Cup

captain, conceivably as suc-

WHILE the British team was returning home yesterday to lick its wounds after defeat by India. Switzerland were contemplating the prospect of their first Davis Cup final. Their team of Jakob Hlasek and the Olympic champion, Marc Rosset, has been the surprise package of this tournament. They knocked out the holders. France, in the second round, and completed their run to the final with a 5-0 thrashing of the Brazilians in Geneva

Had Brazil enjoyed home advantage, with all the distractions which so tormented Germany in the first round, the score might well have been reversed, but the Swiss have made full use of a series of home draws and thoroughly deserve their moment of glory, painful though it may

For the final, the Swiss will have to travel to Fort Worth in Texas to meet the formidable American quartet of Jim Courier, Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras and John McEnroe. who put paid to Sweden with a 4-l victory in Minneapolis.



Hlasek: savouring final

The Americans' place in the final for the third consecutive year was all but assured once Agassi had recovered to beat the US Open champion. Stefan Edberg and give them a 2-0 lead at the end of the first day. Still, McEnroe and Sampras, playing together for the first time, had to recover from 2-1 down against Edberg and Anders Jarryd to seal the tie in the fifth set.

Germany and Spain avoided the indignity of relegation. neither dropping a rubber, while Denmark surprised everyone, including themselves. by qualifying for the world group next year with a 3-2 win over Argentina.
In humbler surroundings. the echoes of Britain's defeat headquarters of the Lawn

will reverberate around the Tennis Association (LTA). Unhappy with the slow pace of reform in the British game, Tony Pickard, the team captain, will make his views known to Ian Peacock, the chief executive of the LTA, at a meeting next month. Some good could yet come out of the disappointment of Delhi.

**OVERSEAS FOOTBALL** 

# Barcelona boost their morale

By PETER ROBINSON

VIKING Stavanger have rarely commanded headlines around Europe, but they will never have a better opportunity to do so than tomorrow night. With a generous slice of luck, Viking might, just might. put Barcelona, the European champions, out of the Euro-

pean Cup.
After the first leg, the signs were promising — Viking had, after all, theoretically already done the hard part by restrict-ing a subdued Barça to only one goal in the Nou Camp stadium in the first leg of this first round tie a fortnight ago - but the odds on a Stavanger success have shifted somewhat since then. Barcelona have out

and run into form. After trouncing Atlético Madrid 4-1 ten days ago, the Catalans repeated the trick against Real Burgos at the weekend. "The most important thing

was the rhythm we imposed in the first half," their coach. Johann Cruyff, said. "Our speed and synchronisation were almost perfect. The players are 100 per cent switched on." And if that were not enough, Stavanger lost 5-2 away to Rosenborg. Champions they may be, but they lie second from bottom of the

Norwegian first division. Leeds United's European Cup visitors VfB Stuttgart, continue to be overshadowed in Germany by Bayern Mu-

nich and Bayer Leverkusen. Bayern, who lead the league, won 2-1 at Borussia Dortmund, while Leverkusen thrashed Schalke 04 by 6-1 Nevertheless, Stuttgart's 3-1 defeat of Kaiserslautern is hardly likely to inspire optimism in West Yorkshire.

The match of the day in Italy never got going, a torrential downpour flooding Sampdoria's Luigi Ferraris stadium in Genoa before the visit of AC Milan. Juventus's 1-1 draw with AS Roma was marred by crowd trouble in which 40 injuries were reported after running battles before

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RACING

# Confidence grows in User Friendly for Arc showdown

By MICHAEL SEELY

WITH the ground still good to Stakes stand their ground, it soft at Longchamp yesterday.

opinion hardened that User
Friendly can become the first horse to win the St Leger and Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe in the same season.

After being backed from 4-1 with Corals, Bill Gredley's undefeated winner of six races was top quoted at 7-2 with all the major bookmakers.

The principal course for concern must be whether the triple Oaks winner will have sufficient speed for the job in hand. But Michael Roberts. the champion jockey elect, has no doubts at all.

"I rode against her at Don-caster," he said. "They may not have been the greatest lot of colts in the world, but she absolutely hacked up. My only possible mount is Seattle Rhyme if Cash Asmussen is claimed for Dear Doctor. But it won't matter what I ride. The Arc is a match between User Friendly and St Jovite." Predictably, Clive Brittain is still breathing fire and thun-

der. "The Arc is the best race in the world and the toughest to win," he said, "but they've all got User Friendly to beat. She'll have her final work over ten furlongs on Racecourse Side tomorrow morning. She's really fresh and well." The only other Arc business

yesterday concerned Dr Devi-ous. Each-way support for the Derby and Irish Champion Stakes winner saw his price trimmed from 5-1 to 9-2 with Ladbrokes after a satisfactory workout at Manton. With punters only interested

in the British runners, the current odds about them are skinny and undoubtedly the best value on offer is the 8-1 against Magic Night, last year's runner-up, with Corals.

be good by Saturday."

The other market moves

The Newmarket October meeting starts tomorrow and.

will be the smallest field for Britain's premier race for twoyear-old fillies since Corejada beat two opponents in 1949.

Confirming that he is remaining loyal to Lyric Fantasy. Roberts said: "I'm surprise that Sayyedati is running. Ever since Ascot I never considered riding anything against Lyric Fantasy over five or six furlongs. I've always regarded Sayyedati as a seven-furlong to a mile filly."

Walter Swinburn is to take over from Roberts on Sayyedati and Frankie Dettori is to partner Brittain's other run-

ner, Anonymous.

On the Cambridgeshire front yesterday, when 38 were declared for the first leg of the autumn double, most of the first leg of the section. money was for last year's winner, Mellottie, whose price was shortened from 6-1 to 5-1 with Hills and Corals.

Confirming the seven-yearold's well-being after his Don-caster win, Keith Reveley. assistant trainer to his mother, Mary, said: "We think he's still in pretty good form. But we wouldn't want the going to be any softer than good." Reporting from Newmar-ket, Nick Lees, clerk of the course, said: "After two fine

days it should be good to firm by tomorrow, but rain is forecast in the evening and again on Friday. If that is accurate, the ground should

were for Montpelier Lad and Vague Dancer. Montpelier Lad was shortened from 25-1 to 16-1 by Corals and Hills and to 14-1 by Ladbrokes. Lester Piggott, still trying for his first Cambridgeshire win at the age of 56, will be in the

Vague Dancer, third last year for Lynda Ramsden, was even if all four acceptors for the Tattersalls Cheveley Park cut from 25-1 to 16-1 by

## BASKETBALL

# Tigers look best bet to challenge Kings

By Nicholas Harling

AS THE new coach of Thames Valley Tigers, a club which has got through seven coaches in four years, Mick Bett cannot afford to be anything but realistic. "In two days, I will be celebrating my first month in charge," he said after Tigers had completed the second programme of the Carlsberg League season with

the two biggest wins to date. Following the 44-point eclipse of Hernel Hempstead Royals the previous week, Tigers overcame the newly promoted Oldham Celties 108-76 to serve notice to Guildford Kings that they intend to improve on their runners-up position in the league, cup and champion-ship play-offs last season. "The trouble is, we won't

know how good we are until we have played some good teams," Bett said. With a home fixture next week against Cheshire Jets, the bottom club last season, followed by a visit to Leicester, who are struggling, it may be a while before Bett finds out.

For the moment, he can content himself with his team's promising start with a new American, Lester James, who already looks a formidable force. "And I haven't even started banging yet," James, a 6ft 7in 14st forward, said. He added 25 points to his tally of 27 last week. A product of St Francis

College in New York, where he was fourth highest percentage scorer on the American college circuit. James learnt how to play tough defence in the Bronx and it shows.

Guildford warmed up for

their European Cup tie against Limoges at Crystal Palace tomorrow - it has been brought forward a day - with an 89-61 win at Cheshire Jets. Jets' all-English policy has been interrupted by the arrival of Sinisa Radojevic but the Yugoslav was unimpressive, scoring only two points and encountering foul trouble.

Birmingham Bullets had no option but to field an entirely English squad, four of them 19 or under, at Derby Bucks, where they lost 94-87. Bullets have lost their two Americans — David Butler, permanently, to a \$100,000 (about £58,000) job on Wall Street and Derek Rucker, temporarily, they hope, for domestic reasons.

"It was a real kick in the teeth." Dave Fisher, the Birmingham coach, said. He has recruited Billy Singleton, a 6ft 7in power forward from St John's University, as the replacement for Buder.

Sunderland, without Ken Nottage, still managed to win 75-68 at Manchester after trailing 44-38 at the break Manchester fielded Alan Bannister - at 7ft 5in. Britain's tallest sportsman.

### TODAY'S FIXTURES

**FOOTBALL** European Cup Winners' Cup First round, second leg First leg scores in brackets Admira Wacker (1) v Cardiff (1) (6.30) Appollon Limessol (1) v Liverpool (6) (6.00) Steaua Bucharest (0) v Bohemlans (0) (2.30)

**BOWLS** 

**Scotland** 

thrive on

dead ends

SCOTLAND'S narrow fifth

consecutive victory, 13-12,

over England in the Bowls

Players' Association interna-

tional challenge match at Car-

lisle turned out to be a close

encounter of the firing kind

(David Rhys Jones writes). An estimated 125 ends were killed, mainly by the Scots, in 25 singles matches.

After Alex Marshall had

killed ten ends in a match

which saw only 22 completed, which saw only 22 completed, Mel Biggs, his opponent, reflected ruefully. Every time we built up a good position, they hit it. We began to

wonder what we had to do to

To their credit, the Scots also

exhibited the rare ability to fire

ferociously with one wood and

draw delicately with the next. Marshall's victory over Biggs dinched the trophy on

Sunday, but Richard Corsie's

late surge to beat the England

champion, Mervyn King, had

tipped the balance after the

first four sessions had all

finished with a 3-2 scoreline -

England winning the first and fourth. Scotland the second

and third.

get a score on the card."

First round, second leg Anderlecht (2) v Hibernian (2) (7 00) Derry City (0) v Vitesse Amhem (3) ... Portadown (0) v Standard Liège (5) (8.00) ...... Torpedo Moscow (0) v Manchester United (0) (4 00) ......

Barclays League Pirst division Second division Burnley v Plymouth . .....

Anglo-Italian Cup Preliminary round Barnsley v Derby (7.45)
Birmingham v Cambridge Utd (8.00)
Brentford v Oxford Utd (7.45)
Luton v Briskol City (7.45)
Portamouth v Millwall (7.45) GM Vauxhall Conference Bath v Wycombe...... Kettering v Dagenham ...... Northwich v Stalybridge ... Runcom v Telford (7.45) ... B and Q Scottish Cup First round

Arbroath v Duntermine Ayr v St Mirren

Ayr v St Mirren

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Dumbarton v Hamilton

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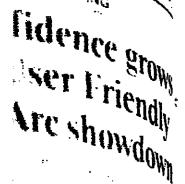
HIFS LOANS LEAGUE: Premier division: Chorley v Barrow, Droylsden v Whitely Bay: Frickley v Goole, Mallock v Gernsborough. First division: Harrogate v Bridgington Town; Raddliffe Borough v Gretna, Presidents Cup: Caemarton v Morecambe. PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Rotherham v Manchester Cty (7 00). Second division: Bradford v Presion (7.00); Coventry v Everton (7.00) NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Assert v Fulham (2.30) Second division: Bournemouth v Yeavil.

BARCLAYS COMMERCIAL SERVICES CUP: First round, first leg: Moor Green v Gloucester City. GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Plymouth Argyle v Sakesh

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Folenhare v March Town, Gorleston v Loweston: Harwich and Parkeston v Benghingsea, Havenhil v Histon, Tiotree v Hatelead; Watton v Great Yarmouth; Wisbech v Chatters; Wrochem v Diss NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Liversedge v Stocketridge PS: Mality MMV v Osset Town; Portistract Colleny v Spentymoor United.

**RUGBY UNION** 

CLUB MATCHES: Abertitlery v Mountain Ash (7 00): Blains v Brythmann (7,00); Penarth v Carclif Institute (7 00). OTHER SPORT SPEEDWAY: Homefire League: Pirst di-vision: Bradford v Oxford (7.30).



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or challenge king

# Antiguan Flyer to relish this going Browne faces enquiry

BARRY Hills has struck form in recent weeks after a virusaffected season and the Lambourn trainer can land a double at Newcastle today with Dazzling Fire (2.30) and

Antiguan Flyer (3.30). With heavy going forecast, it should prove best to follow those who have aquitted themselves successfully in such conditions, and Antiguan Flyer is just such a horse.

Both his wins this season have come when there has been some give in the ground - at Bath in April when bearing White Wedding by four lengths and in an amateurs' race at Ayr's Western meeting when holding off Five To Seven by a short head.

His main rival in today's Newcastle University Turf Club Handicap should be

### MANDARIN

Good Hand, who also ran at Ayr, finishing fifth to another Hills-trained winner in Bandoline. That race should have given Hills a good idea of Antiguan Flyer's chances and he is napped to follow up.

Dazzling Fire, who beat Flash Of Straw in a claimer at Bath two weeks ago, looks to have every chance of following up in the Newlands Claiming Stakes. The runner-up did not let the form down when chasing home Texan Tycoon in a handicap at Brighton last

Drummer Hicks should also be able to cope with the ground in the Newcastle Members Subscription Han-

The three-year-old won three times in a month this summer, the last time on good to soft at York, and he may have needed the race after a seven-week rest when fading in the final furlong behind Chatham Island last time out

at Doncaster. With a career record of two wins from 42 starts, B Grade is unlikely to figure prominently on short lists for Racehorse of the Year. But her fastfinishing second behind We're All Game at Ayr suggests she may be the one for the Long-benton Handicap.

At Brighton, Mahong can

defy a 5lb penalty for his victory at Nottingham last week to win the Saltdean Handicap.
The heavy rainfall at Nottingham may well have been the key to Mahong's success. his only other win on turf having been gained on similar ground at Chepstow last

Teanarco showed that testing conditions hold no fears



Hills: fine chance of

enquiry DERMOT Browne, the forlengths fifth to How's Yer mer trainer, faces the Jockey Father in the Ayr Silver Cup Club's disciplinary committee ten days ago. She looks welltomorrow following a two-

drawn in stall six and has a

fine chance in the Eastbourne urity department. The one-time champion Finally, Exeter should prove amateur jumps jockey is ala good meeting for the Sherleged to have given informawood brothers. Oliver looks to tion to a bookmaker in return have a fine chance with for monetary reward. Bardesan in the first division

Browne, the son of Irish trainer Liam Browne, lost his licence to train in October 1990 when the number of horses in his yard fell below the statutory minimum.

year investigation by its sec-

looks capable of winning here. Meanwhile Simon Sher-The committee will also look at the running and riding wood can land a double with of Dashing Prince at Leicester Rubins Boy in the Great Western Oils Ltd .Novices' in June 1990 and the vaccination record of Total Sport when the filly ran at Kempton in August 1990. Both horses were trained by Browne. Chase and Lake Mission in the Great Western Oils Ltd Handicap Chase.

# **Prize-money protest** causes confusion

TWO owners and two jockeys were each fined £1,200 at Fontwell Park yesterday after horses were withdrawn at the start in a protest at poor prizemoney levels.

Confusion reigned just hefore the opening Sidlesham Selling Hurdle when owner Ken Higson instructed jockey Gary Moore not to let Across The Card, the 9-4 favourite, take part.

Victory went to Tapestry Dancer at 9-1 but, as a result of Higson's action, winning bets were subject to a deduction of 30p in the pound.

Higson, who has been campaigning about poor prizemoney, said: "I don't want to do anything that is detrimental to racing but a stand had to

3.20 BRIGHTHELMSTONE NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-0 £3,574 6f 209yd) (18 runners)

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4.20 SALTDEAN HANDICAP (£2.868. 1m 1f 209yd) (20 runners)

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**COURSE SPECIALISTS** 

3.40 GREAT WESTERN OILS LTD CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS NOVICES SELLING HURDLE (£1,257: 2m 1f

11-8 The Black Monts, 7-2 New Dear, 9-2 Solid Steel, 11-2 Head Turner, 8-1 Groen's Subdis, 14-1 others

4.10 GREAT WESTERN DILS LTD HANDICAP CHASE (£2,599: 2m 3f) (10)

4.50 EASTBOURNE HANDICAP (£2,805: 6f 209yd) (18 runners)

3.50 FINAL SPRINT MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-D \$2.070 5f 59yd) (8 runners)

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-£86 - does not even pay the jockey's riding fee."

come under orders. An hour later, Barney Curley's Torwada, 2-1 favourite for the Rank Challenge Cup Handicap Hurdle, also failed to start but some oncourse bookmakers were alerted to the situation and bet

The stewards later summoned Higson, Curley. Moore and Torwada's rider. John Twomey, fining each

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## NEWCASTLE

MANDARIN 2.00 Yeltsin. 230 Dazzling Fire. 3.00 Drummer Hicks 3.30 ANTIGUAN FLYER (nap). 4,30 Roger The Butter.

2.00 Mountain High, 2.30 Stoproveritate.
3.00 Skipper To Bilge. 3.30 Ambuscade. 4.30 Roger The Butler 5.00 B Grade.

RICHARD EVANS: 3.00 Jubran. 3.30 Prince Mercury.

2.00 EBF PRINCES MAIDEN STAKES

BETTING: 13-8 Yeltsin, 3-1 Eq./ De Franca, 4-1 Mountain High, 7-1 Acadh, 16-1 Bin Ajwaed, 20-1 Denoing Zena, News So Brave, 25-1 Ranuncius, 33-1 others.

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2.30 NEWLANDS CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £3,054: 1m) (16 runners)

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(£3,557: 1m) (7 runners)

BETTING: 2-1 Drummer Hads. 5-2 Jabran. 9-2 Suppor To Bilge, 6-1 Sagebrush Roller, 8-1 Salda, 9-1 Tusky, 50-1 Jim's Wish

TUSKY 31 2nd of 8 to Sant Bleu in York (1m. good) claimer on penultimate start. SAGEBRUSH in Donasser (1m. 21 60yd, good to Erm) handlag in Donasser (1m. 21 60yd, good to Erm) handlag on penultimate start. SAGPER 170 BLEE bear (1m. soil) claimer. JUBPAN 241 3rd of 19 to Eclipsing to Ayr (1m. soil) handlage with TUSKY.

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ALL COMMENTARIES 268

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Going: good to soft

# 3.30 NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY TURF CLUB HANDICAP (£3,002: 2m 19yd) (9 runners)

Long handlong: Aide Memoire 7-1.
BETTRIKE 3-1 Antiquan Flyer, 7-2 Prince Mercury, 4-1 Ambuscade, 6-1 Good Hand, 7-1 Best Gon, Puriter, 15-2
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4.00 EBF POLWARTH MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-0: £2,343: 6f) (7 runners)

BETTING. 4? Picton, 5-2 Lowne, 8-1 Dances With Gold, 14-1 Arusha, 16-1 Forts Parker, 25-1 Spice And Sagar, 33-1 Bumbrond Lad.

1991: NAJEB 9-0 W Carson (11-8) B Hambury 7 ran FORM FOCUS

BURNTWOOD LAD (loaded May 16, cost 1,400gns) told-brofiler by Bellant to 2m 21 hurdles' winner Fire Castles, LOUVRE (play 5, 42,000gns) told-brofiler by Bellant to 2m 21 hurdles' winner Fire Castles, LOUVRE (play 5, 42,000gns) DANCES WITH SOUD 10s 8th of 14 to Tychoolic in Gwent, PISTUN 44i 3rd of 12 to Gustavia in Selection; PISTUN (nap) 4.30 EBF POLWARTH MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-0: £2,322: 6f) (8 runners)

FORM FOCUS

ASHGORE (totaled Jan 31) by Elseo, second loss of a 1m 21 winner. LARIN FORT 101 7th of 10 to Pres Radge Lad in Beverley (51, good to form) maticen. MEW KIDI RT OVANN 861 11th of 21 to Boold Seven on York (61, good to form) seller. ROGER THE:

Selection: ROGER THE BUTLER

5.00 LONGBENTON HANDICAP (£2,490: 5f) (13 runners) 1 (1) 150000 ABSOLUTION B (CD.F.G.S) (M Hyrran) N Naughton 8-10-0..... S Wymne (7)

(1) 150000 ABSCILITION B (CD.F.6.5) (Al Hyrran) M Raughton 8-10-0... 5 Wyrms (7) (8) (2) 450101 CRAMPRED CORRET 12 (D.F.6.5) (Crasfield Ltd) J Benry 3-9-2... J Carroll 98 (13) 608440 SAMMY SLEW 111 (6 Brook) C Pater 3-9-0... M Wood 96 (4) 000550 LOTE BOY 13 (B.D.F.6.5) (Also B Allmorphi J Berball 9-9-0... W R Swinbown (5) 50-4400 AMOUREUSE 4 (D.G.) (7 Cathen) T Calchell 3-8-11 ... C Dwyrm 87 (10) 000-850 MBSS SHADOWFAX 8 (D.F.6.) (Also J Lones) C Allen 3-8-10 ... G Forster (7) 86 (7) 530000 MBSS SHADOWFAX 8 (D.F.6.) (Also J Lones) C Allen 3-8-10 ... G Forster (7) 86 (8) 11314 YOURS OF MBEC 3 (F.5.) (Also J Darend) D Drupman 4-8-1 ... M [Hills 95 (8) 11314 YOURS OF MBEC 3 (F.5.) (Also J Darend) D Drupman 4-8-1 ... M Commonto 98 (12) 034251 SUPPSINE DESIRE 21 (D.G.) (Also S J Daze) A Smith 4-7-13 ... S Websiter 98 (11) 329554 KALAR 2 (B.D.) (E Stocklate) D Charmon 3-7-11 ... S Wood 94 (3) 0-40652 B GFANE 12 (S) (Mis D Turstift) J Balding 7-7-10 ... Clairs Balding (7) 98 (8) 484300 COTTAGE SALLERY 32 (M McCharagh) W A Suphenson 4-7-7 ... J Lines 52 Interdistant Contacts Galley 6-12

Long handleap: Cottage Gallery 6-12 BETTING: 5-2 Yours Of Mine, 5-1 Cranfield Cornet, 7-1 Loft Boy, 9-1 B Grade, 10-1 Septeme Desire, Absolution, 12-1 Miles Aragon, 14-1 Others, 1991: AVR RAIDER 4-8-11 R Havion (5-1) Miss L Pennitt 13 rao

FORM FOCUS

CRAMFIELD COMET beat Very Dicey 23:1 at Language (AW, 5h, SAMANY SLEW 4) 4th of 12 to Ranguard in Regions (7h, good to firm) claimer on premiarrate series yet. PURPS OR MANE beat Necessary Cours OR MANE beat Necessary Express as a Lalcoster (6l, good to firm) on perceitimate, series beat Bright Paragon 22:1 at 23-towner PREME DESIRE 4 the B-GRADE 22 and of 14 to We're All Game an Awy (5l, soft) DESRE (8lb better of) 23:1 Sth. SUPREME DE-

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### **BRIGHTON**

THUNDERER

1.50 Coneybury.

MANDARIN

1.50 Coneybury. 2.20 Queen Carolina 2.50 Smudgemupum. 3.50 Indica. 4.20 Mahong.

2 20 Jazz 2.50 Life's A Breeze. 3.50 Batchworth Bound. 4.20 Tendresse. 4.50 TEANARCO (nap).

RICHARD EVANS: 1.50 SUNTARA (nap).

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.50 Coneybury. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.20 TENDRESSE.

### **GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD**

Racecard number. Draw in brackets, So-figure from (F — leel, P — pushed up, U — unseable from (F — leel, P — pushed up, U — unseable from B — brought drown S — shipped up R — refused D — designatified). House's name Days since last outloop: J if groups, F if star ( $\beta$  — soon good to sort, heavy) J if groups, F if star ( $\beta$  — soon good to sort, heavy) J if groups, F if star ( $\beta$  — soon good to sort, heavy) J if groups, F if star ( $\beta$  — soon good to sort, heavy) J if groups, F if star ( $\beta$  — soon good to sort, heavy) J if groups where  $\beta$  — or distance where CD — The Times Private Handicapper's range

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F 59Y - 7F, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.50 EBF SOMPTING MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,784: 6f 209yd) (9 runners)

03 COMEYBURY 13 (R Sangster) L Curusni 9-0 L Destori 79 0 DODDIES POOL 21 (R Higson) 6 Levis 9-0 B Rouse -00 MISHT EDITION 12 (R Howthom) 5 Daw 9-0 7 Cminn 64 64 RDYAL INTERVAL 223 (6 Baneau W Turner 9-0 T Spraka 67 DO SCORCHER 13 (8 Vosit) C British 9-0 ...

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3 MISS FASCRIATION 25 (A Yong) M. James 8-9 ...

2 SUNTARA 11 (Stellin Mohammed) B Hills 8-9 ... ... A Tucker (5) BETTING: 7-4 Coneybury, 9-4 Surtiza, 5-2 MRss Fascuration 20-1 Night Ectron, Royal Interval. Scorcher. 25-1 Doodres Pool. Navah, 33-1 Agenda One. 1991: SILENT RESPECT 9-0 B Raymond (11-10 lav) R Hannon 7 ran

2.20 LEVY BOARD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,532: 1m 1! 209y0) (10 runners) -

OG CANADIAN BOY 17 (P Steetlen) D Steet 9-0 . . . So Femalan 15 (F. Fischer) Lord Husingdon 9-0 ... ... ... ... ... ... A Munno 71
4 LITERARY CRITIC 11 (R Sangster) J Toller 9-0 ... ... ... ... ... ... ... ... 6 Baster - FAWZ (H Al-Waksum) R Amestrog 8-9 ... ... ... ... ... ... L Deston 98
222-05 JAZZ 15 (Lord Camervon) L Current 8-9 ... ... ... L Deston 98
0 POYLE ALMER 7 (C Winglins) M Blenshard 8-9 ... ... ... D Herrison (3) - 34333 OUEBN CARDLINE 38 (Shaith Mohammed) H Ceol 8-9 ... ... S Cauthen 69
35- ZOOM LENS 380 Miles P Jameson) J Durlop 8-9 ... ... ... ... T Quinn --

BETTING: 11-8 Jazz, 2-1 Queen Caroline. 4-1 Zoom Lens. 12-1 Leerary Crisc. 16-1 Favc, 30-1 Fermain 50-1 opners. 1991: LABURNUM 9-0 L Delton (evens tav) L Cumani 9 ran

2.50 STEYNING SELLING HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £2,574: 5f 213yd) (16 runners)

1 (15) 65-1060 SCALA MILANO 32 (D.F) (P Summonile) K Ivory 9-7. T Quorn 94 2 (11) 362250 SAVALARO 6 (8.5) (J Fritch-Hoyes) J Flüch-Hoyes 9-3. T Williams 96 3 (5) 605240 ROCKBOURNE 15 (J Aplin) W Turner 9-2. T Sprakin 98 4 (4) 405400 PALACEGATE 600LD 43 (D.F) (R Hodges) R Hodges 9-0. R Cochrane 94 5 (3) 603040 PRICKI BLACK 12 (D.F) (Mrs B Bland 6 Blaro 6-13. D Harrson (3) 95 6 (13) 500400 LFE'S A BREEZE 15 (Run For Fun Racing Clab) M Ctomon 9-11 N Howe 91 1155 640-000 OUR BUMAA 28 (V) (Mr. J Roze) Mrs B Waring 8-11 N Howe 91 8 (8) 405400 DON'T RISM MR OVER 12 (F) (6 Whataket) 5 Morgan 8-10 G Dofffield 95 9 (10) 604300 MASTER HYDE 46 (Hyde Sporting Promotions) P Meuties 8-9. M Roberts 91 10 (12) 105000 SMIDGEWUPHIM 13 (D.6) (M Champon) Mics 8 Saruecs 8-9 C Handasley (7) 94 (17) 030-000 CEATHARLACK 15 (M 8 N Plant Lind) R Holder 8-5. N Accums 90 (12) 030-000 FORM MISTRESS 19 (V) (Mrs P Walwen) P Vlatven 8-5. S Bardwoll 95 13 (2) 225080 ORNAMAD BAY 15 (V.F) (Apolio Razing) D R Tucker 8-5. S Bardwoll 96 (14) 050000 ALTON BELLE 13 (8) (Prick P Shoule 7-7 A 6 Sarth (7) 80 Long handlicap: Westerni Girl 7-2 1 (15) 55-1960 SCALA MILANO 32 (D,P) (P Simmonile) K hony 9-7.

1991: PROUD BRIGADIER 8-13 R Cochrane (6-1) W Caster 18 ran

### Blinkered first time

BRIGHTON: 2 50 Savalaro, Our Emma. Orchard Bay, Ato Princess 3 20 Rusty Raja. 4.20 Kelimutu. NEWCASTLE: 2.30 Tancred Grange, Bold Setko, Makeminemusic, 3 00 Jim's Wish.

2.40 (3m ch) 1, Shermago (R Hodge, 9-2). 2. Meter Tufte (11-8 lav) 3, Jims Lass (16-1) 5 ran ¾1, 12 Mrs J Goodleflow Tol. 25.70, \$2.50, \$1.20 DF \$5.40. CSF

210.29
3.10 (2m If holle) 1, Seon U Callaghan, 5-4
fay); 2, Burn Bridge (5-2), 3, Solitary Resper
(20-1), 5 ran. NRF Strong Verw, 101.81 W
Bentley Tote: £1.90; £1.20, £1.80, DF£1.70 CSF £4.34.

21.70 CSF 2434. 3.40 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Chili Wind (R Gamity, 7-1), 2, Royal Vacation (1-4 lay), 3, Prior Conviction (6-1) 4 ran 1 lst, 12; N Bycroli Tote: £7.50 DF: £2.70, CSF £9.60

4.10 (3m 110/d hele) 1.5 Fingers Crossed -(P. Nwen, 2-1), 2, Justice Lea (12-1), 3, Hardinero (7-2) Ambleside Narvest 7-4 (av. 5 ran 2, 5) M Hammond Tote 52:30; 51:60, 53:20 DF, 58:80 CSF 517-86.

x1.60, E3.20 LF, E8.60 CSF 517.65, 4.40 (2m 4t 11)yd cth 1, Wind Force (N Doughty, 8-11 lav), 2, South Cross (8-2), 3, Dward, Interest (4-1) 5 ran, NR Potatio Picter, Aace's Boy 12, 12, G Richards, Totre \$1.80; £1.20, £1.90 DF; £3.30 CSF, £3.38 Piscepot; £291.40

Fontwell Park

Going: good
2.15 (2m 2! hole) 1, Tapestry Dancer (M. Parett.) -9.1, 2, Citoper One (7-2): 3, Mindy (33-1) 8 ran, 51: 191 MH Hayries Tole E7: 30: £1:80, £1:70, £4:90 DF. £5:20 CSF. £1:80, £1:70, £4:90 DF. £5:20 CSF. £1:40.8 Across The Card (9-4 lav) 8. Searry (3-1), deemed not to have starred Stakes returned, but rule 4 applies to all other bets, deduct 450 in pound
2.45 (3m 2! 110yd ch) 1, Cathe Diarmond (M. A Fizzperald, 15-8 j-lav), Never A Penny (10-1), 3, Callic Hamiet (25-1) Enoun Roais 15-8 j-lav, 5: 4m. Des. 107 Mrs. J. Rether Tole £2:30 £1:40, £1:70 DF £5:50 CSF-£15.79
3.15 (2m 2! hole) 1. Never Forgetten (G. Haeaver, 9-2), 2, Hewn (9-1), 3, Manhatten Boy (10-1) 9 ran, 44. 4f. Alvehurst Tote £1:70; £1:80, £2:80, £5:50. DF £1:5:80 CSF-£15:79
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3.15 (2m 2! hole) 1. Baptismal Five (A. Magure, 4-11 [an] 2, Gabish (5-1), 3. Sharpgun (9-2) 3 ran NR Rocal Clump (9-1) 3 ran NR Rocal Clump (9-1) 3 ran NR Rocal Clump (9-1) 50; 2m 2l ch) 1, Klsu Kall (J. Kavanegh, 11-2), 2, Stathars Lad (2-1) Salor Back 15-8 fave 6 ran &1 J Fierd-Heves Tote £5 10. £1:40. £1:40 E7: 10-20, £1:70 DF £4:70 CSF, £15:79. Only two finished

12:00, £1 70 OF £4 70 CSF, £15 75 Only two finished 4.45 (2m 2f hdle) 1, Alice's Mirror AV McCarland, 50-1); 2, Normadic Rose (11-4), 3, Alimac Norms (15-6 lav) 9 ran, 11-4, 51 T McGovern 10to £35 40, £4 30, £1 60, £1.50 OF £109 60 CSF, £174 17 Piacepot: £20.50

## **EXETER**

**TRAINERS** 

SIS

MANDARIN

2.10 Bardesan. 2.40 Elegant Touch. 3.10 Rubins Boy. 3.40 The Black Monk. 4.10 Lake Mission. 4.40 Grand Frere, 5.10 Amphigory. THUNDERER

2.10 Bardesan. 2.40 Midas Well. 3.10 Dundroma. 3.40 Botmoor Way. 4.10 Faithful Star. 4.40 Dextra Dove. 5.10 Karakter Reference.

GOING: GOOD

2.10 GREAT WESTERN OILS LTD NOVICES HURDLE (Div I; £1,502: 2m 6f) (12 runners)

| PP/ ATHOS 557 G Res 7-11-0 | R Suest 2 330 BARDESAM 167 () Snewpool 6-11-0 | J Oshome 3 69P- GINNERSSURY ROAN 187 R Voorspay 5-11-0 | A Yory 4 04P- PEAK ROYAL 280 (P) D Bonote 6-11-0 | N Handle 5 00 RESTOWEST 20 Mrs J Wornscott 5-11-0 | E Termey (S) 6 TONNAWAR 7 I Readley 7-11-0 | D 1900 7 -223 ACRUSS THE CARD 15 A Moore 4-10-12 | G L Moore 8 6PA ARDEARNEO 328 Mrs J Voorspay 5-10-9 | S Burrough 10 4 COPPER BEACH Judy 189 D Samiotic 6-10-9 | S Burrough 10 4 COPPER BEACH Judy 189 D Samiotic 6-10-9 | M Haurigan (S) 12 Judy Mrs Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-19-9 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-19-9 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-19-9 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-19-9 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-19-9 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-19-9 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-19-9 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-19-9 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-10-9 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-10-9 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-10-9 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-10-9 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-10-10 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-10-10 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-10-10 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-10-10 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-10-10 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-10-10 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-10-10 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A Force 10-10-10 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A FORCE 10-10-10 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A FORCE 10-10-10 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) 12-404 MRS Nr S STAR 27 (G) A FORCE 10-10 | Tanys Broyknotk (7) Evens Bardesan, 3-1 Across The Card. 8-1 Copper Beach Lady, 10-1 Tonkava, 16-1 Peak Royale, 20-1 others

2.40 GREAT WESTERN OILS LTD JUVENILE NOVICES HURDLE (3-Y-0: £1,474: 2m 1f 110yd) (10)

13-8 Elegant Touch, 3-1 Sandro 4-1 Electydo. 6-1 Fine As Fivepense, 8-7 Metas. Well, 10-1 The Gonock, 14-1 Others.

3.10 GREAT WESTERN OILS LTD NOVICES CHASE (£2,149: 2m 6f 110yd) (12)

4 DSF- CAN'T DISCLOSE 144 (B.F) Mass H Knight 11-11-2

9-4 Clares Horse, 3-1 Fighting Days, 5-1 Carcerel's Choice, 13-2 Raplan Road, 8-1 Mr Vergetle, 14-1 Bluechpantepprese, Dundroma, 16-1 others.

Winning punters suffered a further 15p in the pound deduction when Searcy, who unseated his rider at the start, was also deemed not to have

without Torwada.

THUNDERER

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 Araadh. 4.30 ROGER THE BUTLER (nap).

DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST GOING: HEAVY

(2-Y-0; £2,553; 1m) (12 runners)

FORM FOCUS BIN A,RWAAD (loaked Apr 16, cost 84,000pcs) by flairhow Quest, is a brother to 1m 4d woner Hidden Ouest and a half-sester to prother winner, darm, half-sider to prother winner, darm, half-sider to Park Appeal and Desirable, 1m 11 winner DANICSHG ZENA (Apr 15) half-brother by Osnockop to firm), ARAADH (Apr 12) by Blushing Groom.

3.00 NEWCASTLE MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTION HANDICAP

1991: LORD OBERON 3-9-3 W Carson (6-1) 8 Hanbury 11 nan

RESULTS FROM VESTERDAY'S FIVE MEETINGS Days, 33 tis Unbellevable, 50 Galactic Fury, Sunbeam Charle, 56 Doracine, 12 ran 6l, 3l, sh hd, 1l, nk, P Cole at Whatcombe Yote, £4.70; £2.00, £1.70, £1.40 DF, £7.00, CSF; £13.92.

£1 40 DF. £7 00. CSF: £13.92.
4.05 (2m 11 34yd) 1. GRIEEN LANE (J Reid, 8-1), 2. Two And Stogenos (D Hollend, 11-2), 3. City Line (A Tucker, 50-1) ALSO RAN. 11-1 tav Silken Words, 6 Sheisenski, Arcic Splendour (4m), 10 Glenste Priory, Intreptid Lass, (5th), 16 Blushing Belle, Judge And Juny (6th), 25 Coleridge, Farmer's Fire, Else, 66 Lady Westpale 14 ran. NR\* Geetgor. Sh hd, 4, nk, k4, 101, 18 Balding at Kingschere Tote, £7 60, £2 70, £1 70, £10.50. DF. £17 60 CSF. £50 05. Tincst: £1,916.98. Tricast: £1,916.98.

4.35 (1m Syd) 1, ELEUSIS (D Holland, 6-4 tav, Private Handicapper's top rating), 2.
Eastern Memorias (B Rouse, 2-1); 3.
Grand Applause (A Tudler, 16-1), ALSO
RAN 7 Allegaton, 15th), 14 Two Lumps
(4th), 16 Kawasir, 20 Sure Right, Swiss
Mountain, 65 Juliacidarkinvader, Take The
Mick, Golden Klair (8th), 11 ran 3/81, 61, 11,
21, 71, P Chapple-Hyam at Mamon Tole
£2.80, £1.10, £1.30, £3.40, DF-£2.60, CSF,
£4.71

5.05 (1m St 144/ct) 1 CRYSTAL CROSS IJ

5.05 (1m 31 144yd) 1, CRYSTAL CROSS IJ Beld, 7-1), 2, Simply-H (M Roberts, 4-1), 3, Spectacular Dawn (7 Dunn, 7-1), ALSO RAN 3 tav Chief Minister (4th), 4 Meliching Green, 10 Pippas Song, 12 Second Call (5th), 16 Eleganza (6th), National Emblem 9 ran, 1½1, ¼1, 3H; 11, nk | Balding at Kingsclera Tote 57,50; 52.40, 51.70, 51.80, DF 516 00, CSF: 533.45 Incast \$166.86.

Placepot: £93.00

Wolverhampton Going: good
2.20 (st) 1. CALL TO THE BAR (D Wright,
14-1): 2. Bitse its True (P Bowe, 20-1): 3,
Langtonian (Emria O'Gorman, 14-1): 4.
Stockitha (F Norton, 12-1). ALSO RAN: 132 fav Black Boy. 7 Amour Du Sor. 15-2
Mass Vavente, 9 Barbara's Cude. 11 The
Right Time (6th), 12 Soba Guest, Stornbusser, 14 Lincatione Boy, 16 Exer So Loney, 25 Noble Power (5th), Lawnswood
Prince, Doesyoudoes, 33 Blyton Star. 50
Intalia Boy 18 rain 11, sh hd. 11-1, 21-1, sh
hd. C.Cox at Lyneham Tote: 229 30, 25-30,
22 70, £4 00, £1 90 DF 594-60. CSF:
2715-53 Tincast: 22,674-50 Geneshaya
(8-1) and Lonely Lass (20-1) withdrawn, not
under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets,
deduction 10p in pound.
2 50 (1m 4f 70yd) 1, ALLMOSA (G Carter. Going: good deduction 10p in poural.

2.50 (1m 4/ 70yd) 1, ALLMOSA (G Carler.
12-1) 2. Feeling Fooligh (N Hows, 16-1).

3. Maily Splash (D Biggs, 9-2 J-Lav) ALSO RAN 9-2 j-fav Kasiko (4/fi), 7 iron Baron (5/h), Lagolton Lady (pu), Noted Strain, 9 Speedy Souls, 10 Kare Royale, 12 Kaytura,

20 Be My Habital, 25 Moving Force, 25 Needwood Poppy, 28 Princess Of Crange (8th), 33 Law Faculty, 40 Woodlands Crown (pur, 50 Termins, Medbourne, 55 Castleacre, Light-Of-The-Loch 20 tan 194, nk, nk, 1, eh nd, T Naughton at Epsom. Tote, 29.50; £3.00, £3.90, £3.10. DF £382,80 ÇSF £190,71 No bid.

DF 1532 80 CSF 1790,71 No bid.
3.20 (1m) 1, ELKHART (S Cauthen, 8-13 tav); 2-Hawl (W Carson, 7-4); 3. Blowsedf-know U Outrn, 50-11 ALSO RAN, 12 Sabo's Express (4th), 4 ran, 31, 3\*1, hd H Cacil at Newmentst, Totas: 150. DF 130 CSF: 51.94.
3.50 (7f) 1, FORMAL AFFAIR (G Carter, 14-1); 2, Grand Denoer (D Biggs, 16-1), 3, Don'tile (R Prics, 12-1); 3, Ascom Pager Too (B Crossley, 12-1); 3, Ascom Pager Too (B Crossley, 12-1); 1, ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav. Ballet, 7 Moon Westch, 9 Amerique, Itrisias 10 Sas Echibson, Sudfury, Musical Prospect, 14 Clear Honey, Fleur Power, 15 Galejade, 20 Smply Amass (6th), 33 Honorary Guaest (5th), Crystal Stone 17 ran 41, 1½, 1191, 31, 1191 C Cyzer at Horsham Totas: 52.570, 53.90, 57.60.
22.90, 53.00. DF: 5206.60, CSF 5212.37. Tricast: 52.525.45. Tricast: \$2,525 45.
4.20 (5) 1, ESTHAL (S Drowne, 6-5 tay), 2.
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Fijian golfer earns first chance to play in World Match Play Championship

# Patient Singh swings to his own tune

By MITCHELL PLATTS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

VIJAY Singh, of Fiji, will challenge for a first prize of £160,000 in the Toyota World Match Play Championship at Wentworth next week. His presence alongside. among others, Severiano Ballesteros, the holder, Nick Faldo, the Open champion, and Nick Price, the US PGA champion. is a reward for his achievements since his arrival on the PGA European Tour in 1989. He is a slave to the practice range, rivalling Faldo in his

dedication to duty. Singh, 29, has won four official European events, induding the Turespaña Masters and the German Open this season, and eight other tournaments in his ten years as a professional. He has flourished since he won three times on the Safari Tour early

One of six children, Singh began playing the game at the age of eight. His father, a good amateur, introduced him to golf. Singh became an avid reader of instructional articles because he was determined to understand the intricacies of the swing, especially his own. He prefers his own company on the range where he will turn to a coach only if he feels he has a problem he cannot unravel himself.

At 6ft 2in tall, Singh is a prodigious striker of the ball. He has innate confidence and required for the World Match Play Championship with each match played over 36 holes.

Ballesteros will be more hopeful of winning the title for a record sixth time after his third-place finish in Belgium on Sunday. He has not enjoyed a higher finish since he won the Majorcan Open in

into the second round and Faldo, Price and Olazábal are likely to be seeded next.

Greg Norman, of Australia, who won in 1980, 1983 and 1986, and Ian Woosnam. champion in 1987 and 1990, will also be among the favourites. Anders Forsbrand, of Sweden, Norio Suzuki, of Japan, and the Americans, Brad Faxon, Mark O'Meara and Jeff Sluman, complete the

Olazábal, who has said that, like Ballesteros, he will not play in the World Cup later this year in his native Spain, will partner Miguel Angel Jimenez, who won in Belgium on Sunday, and José Rivero in the Alfred Dunhill Cup at St Andrews from October 15 to

The United States (Fred Couples. Tom Kite and Davis Love III) will be the No. 1 seeds and the firm favourites to relieve Sweden of the title. Australia. Scotland and England, for whom Faldo is an absentee, are likely to be seeded second, third and fourth respectively.

The 16 nations will be divided into groups of four with the teams in each group playing each other over the first three days. The group winners will advance to the semi-finals on Sunday morning, with the final taking place



Self-made man: Singh brings his big-hitting game to the stage of the World Match Play Championship next week

# Jiménez dispels his critics Swede injects confidence

FROM MEL WEBB IN KNOKKE. BELGIUM

MIGUEL Angel Jiménez can remember almost to the day when he hit his first golf shot. It was a warm morning in the autumn of 1979, and he was just over 152 years old. Today he cannot remember where the ball went, only that he liked the feeling as it left the face of an iron of uncertain age and even more doubtful provenance.

What he can be more precise about is that from that single blow he knew with utter certainty that he did not want to be a caddie all his life: he wanted to be a professional

In retrospect that one stroke in September, 13 years ago, was probably the most significant moment in the life of this 5ft 9in scion of a golfing family from the Costa del Sol And on Sunday he reached another watershed when he had the first European Tour victory of his career in the Piaget Open, and, furthermore, beat some of the biggest names in world golf in

doing so. Faldo. Faldo. Ballesteros, Woosnam, Lyle. all had to

give best to this 28-year-old with the young-old face that could be 18 or 48, the neat moustache, the charmingly fractured English and the slightly shy, almost with-

And quietly it was that he won the £100,000 first prize in the first European Tour event to be held on the magnificent and rolling links at Royal Zoute.

If, before the tournament started, you had been given 20 chances of picking a winner other than Faldo, the runaway leader of the Order of Merit, you might have come up with the name of Jiménez only by closing your

eyes and using a pin. Certainly he had a tidy and accurate style that might be suited to the tight fairways of Royal Zoute. And yes, he was a man with no glaring weakness in any department of the game. But he was also 51 places behind Faldo in the money list. A good pro, most would have said, but not a winner on this week, surely?

Wrong. So wrong, because when push came to shove in the last nine holes of a sunspiashed final day, he was the only man to play the sort of consistent golf that was need-

ed on this most testing of

And so it was that Jimenez came to celebrate the biggest day of his sporting life. He did it with a set of clubs that he was still bedding in after only three months' use, and a putter that was so new it almost had the price label on

Jiménez, still coached by Juan, his brother, had been troubled by his putting in recent times, and the previous week his old putter had had, he said, "an accident". It was never made entirely clear what the accident was, but the suggestion was that the shaft was not necessarily joined to the head after one particularly frustrating miss on the practice green. So along came the new weapon, and, 21 birdies later, came also the winner's laurels and 18th place in the Order of Merit with £185,989 to his name. And to think it all started with a rusty old iron in

AUSTRALIA'S supreme con-

September 1979.

By MITCHELL PLATTS

point in 1990 in the inaugural match at Lake Nona in Florida, where the United States won by 112 to 42. She was paired with Dale Reid in both the foursomes and four-hall matches. Mickey Walker, the Euronean captain, recognises that the partnership was unsuccessful while Alfredsson acknowledges that personality differences worked against

"I'm the flamboyant sort, I get very pumped-up, while



Dale deals with intense situations in a different way

because she remains so laid back." Alfredsson said. "I formed the impression in Florida that she didn't want it. when in fact she was the best ver out there. Alfredsson admits that this

week she would prefer to be paired with either Liselotte Neumann, another Swede who plays mostly in the United States, or Trish Johnson.
"That would be my prefer-

ence but Mickey will make the

decisions," she said. "What I

do know is that as a team we are all very excited this time. It will be tight, but we have a very big chance of winning.' Alfredsson was one of only three members of the European team to finish in the top 12 in the Weetabix British Open which was won at Woburn on Sunday by Patty Sheehan, of the United States. Sheehan believes her win will help spur her compatriots. "We are all already very keyed-up." she said. "We want to take the Cup back with us and if my win has made everyone excited, then that is great."

Alfredsson: rising talent

**RUGBY UNION** 

# **South Africans** must adapt to changing game

By DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

IT IS 11 years since a South African national squad touched down on other shores and, in that time, the international rugby community has moved a considerable distance, on and off the field.

The South Africans, who last played abroad in New Zealand, arrive in Paris today to begin their tour of France and England. They already know from bitter experience how the game has changed. Galloping back without

proper preparation into the international arena at home last month, they caught a cold against Australia and New Zealand. However, you could argue that England, with all sorts of preparation, did not fare much better when they lost to the same opponents within a month in the 1991

Rugby World Cup.
So judgment made on the playing side of South African rugby must give them some grace. They have great competitive depth, a burning desire to succeed based on a massive (white) tradition of playing the game and, if development means anything in their country, there is a great well of coloured and black players who, one day,

may come to the game.

But the tour that begins in
Bordeaux on Saturday is
based firmly on traditional South Africa; it could hardly be any other. It will, of course, be unlike anything any of the players have known, including those like Naas Botha who have played overseas.

Even Botha has not gone through the wringer of day and night matches in fiery French provincial stadia against a series of teams all eager to make a name for

The last New Zealand team to tour France lost two of six regional matches and strug-

gled in two more. The lan-

guage and travel will be more demanding than this inexperienced party has known and the load on the management team will be immense.

Set against all the problems will be the sense of anticipation and pride, heightened in the case of these "new age" Springboks, several of whom have already shown glimpses of immense potential.

Muller and van Rensburg in the backs, and Pretorius and Strauss in the forwards. are young men with their way to make: and others will

emerge,
"After playing Australia and
the All Blacks, they know they
are a long way behind southern hemisphere sides." Piers Berbizier, the France coach, said. "Now, they will see how they come up to European standards."

Berbizier is expected to name his XV for the first international - in Lyons on October 17 — in nine days' time after the second tour match in Pau. Philippe Sella. captain of the five nations' championship side last season, is unlikely to play in Pau after sustaining a leg injury in Agen's 41-14 win over Tyrosse on Sunday.

The South Africans arrive with two members of the management team from their last party to visit France in 1974 - Johan Claassen and Ian Kirkpatrick. The latter took over as coach after the former fell ill.

Claassen is now the official representative of the South African Rugby Football Union and Kirkpatrick is assistant coach to John Williams.

Williams played at lock in the two internationals South Africa played on their last tour, both of which they won. If his players reach the English stage of their tour in November with a similar record, he will be well pleased.

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(Leicsster), 7 v England B (Bristol); 10 v Northern Division
(Elland Road); 14 v England (Twickenham).

# English hopes raised by good sevens draw

By Alan Lorimer

ENGLAND emerged as top seeds among the home unions in the draw for the inauguaral Rugby World Cup Sevens, which was announced in Edinburgh yesterday. The draw for the tournament, at Murrayfield next April, puts Wales in the same pool as the favourites, Fiji, Ireland with New Zealand, and Scotland with Australia, past winners in Hong Kong.
The draw, in fact, is a

rine draw, in fact, is a carefully devised format which, according to Marcel Martin, chairman of Rugby World Cup plc. provides an even geographical spread.

Explaining the difficulties in making the draw, Martin said: "It was not easy starting

said: "It was not easy starting from scratch. We had no basis for ranking the teams before the draw." Martin said the organisers had relied heavily on the results of competitions such as the Cathay Pacific/Hongkong Bank Invitation Sevens, but added that "not all of the sides played there as national teams".

The 24 teams which will compete in the event have been grouped in four pools of six. Thereafter, the formula becomes considerably more complex. The first and second teams from each pool will be ranked in two further pools according to points gained (three for a win, two for a draw and one for a loss), but if that does not separate the teams then other means will be used. such as the total number of tries scored. The top two teams from each of the quarter-final pools will go forward to the semi-finals.

Douglas Morgan, of Scotland, the only national sevens coach present, said: "It is not an easy pool for us. But especially because the first World Cup sevens are at Murrayfield we are defermined to do well."

Morgan and John Jeffrey. his fellow coach, will take the Scotland squad for a practice session this week as part of the team's preparations for the Dubai tournament in November.

DRAW: Pool one: Fiji, South Africa, Weles, Romenia, Japen, Letvia. Pool two: New Zealand, France, Ireland, Korea, Ursted States, Hotland. Pool twee: Australia, Scotland, Argentine, Italy. Tonga, Talwan. Pool four: England, Western Sampa, Canada, Namibla, Spain, Hong Kong.

# Barbarians benefit

EVEN when their place in rugby is changing, the name of the Barbarians remains a considerable drawing card: yesterday the famous invitation club announced a further three-year agreement with their sponsor, Scottish Amica-ble, who will also support their match at Twickenham on November 28 against the Australians (David Hands writes).

The agreement is worth £165,000 to the Barbarians and a further £100,000 goes into the game with Australia Such figures represent a valuable financial hedge as the Barbarians seek their most useful role in a competitive world and a future which may not for much longer revolve around the traditional Easter

Only Cardiff and Swansea are left of the old four-match tour and Swansea have been discussing the future of the Easter Monday fixture with the Barbarians, who at present are not looking beyond this season's game.

Further overseas tours, such as that to Siberia and Moscow last June, are likely while the club would also enjoy the chance to appear more often at Murrayfield and Lansdowne Road. Their traditional homes for games against leading touring sides have been Car-diff and Twickenham.

"We are honoured to have that fixture [Australia] and will play wherever we are told,"
play wherever we are told,"
Mickey Steele-Bodger, the
Barbarians' president, said.
"We would like it to go round
to the Scottish and Jisch top." to the Scottish and Irish too."

### BOXING

# for return of title

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT when a bout is stopped

lieves he is the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight champion. He wants the WBO to give back the title he lost to Ruben Palacio, of Colombia, on a technicality in London on Saturday night. McMillan, who was unable

to continue in the eighth round because of a dislocated shoulder, should have been given the bout because of a WBO rule that states that

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ry, the decision should be left to the judges' cards. He was in front on all three cards.

McMillan was not satisfied

at being made a mandatory challenger and thereby given a rematch. "A challenger gets 25 per cent of the purse, the champion 75 per cent." Frank Warren, McMillan's promoter, said. "Colin was in front, and should still be champion, or the fight should be declared a no contest."

Warren was not in favour of the British Board of Control's suggestion that the purse should be split 50-50. "If a decision is wrong, it should be put right," Jonathan Rendall, McMilian's adviser, said. "The WBO have asked for a video of the fight to see whether it was an accidental injury. If it was an accident, they should give the title back to McMillan.

"I think Colin has a very good case because when Eubank's fight with Dan Sherry was stopped because of a head butt by Eubank, the fight went to the scorecards and Eubank got the decision." McMillan said that reports claiming he had injured his left shoulder in the gym were wrong. He had jarred his right shoulder, seen a specialist and missed two sparring sessions. | brought in only to protect the

# McMillan camp calls | Australia name strong squad

HELEN Alfredsson knows

better than most the level of

performance that the Euro-

pean players will have to

achieve if the United States are

to be beaten in the Solheim

The Swedish player, who has just won the Rookie of the

Year award on the US LPGA

Tour, has a very high regard

"They are so very tough

mentally that they create an

attitude where defeat is almost

out of the question." Alfredsson said. They stay

and the appreciation for win-

ning is infectious. You have to

strive to win. Anyway, money

has never bothered me. I don't

care about finishing fifth even

if it is worth £24,000. I'm only

playing in America and I'm certainly more resilient. I think this is true of the other

Europeans who have played

there and I believe we will be a

**RUGBY LEAGUE** 

Alfredsson failed to win a

"My game has improved by

interested in winning.

better unit this time."

The atmosphere over there

focused, no matter what.

for the leading Americans.

Dalmahoy on Friday.

which starts at

By Christopher Irvine tory over Great Britain in

fidence in their power game Other than the selection of was reflected yesterday in the announcement of a highly experienced squad for the World Cup final next month. Brad Godden, of Newcastle, for Ettingshausen, the only two other newcomers, and To no particular surprise, Great Britain will face dauntingly familiar opposithen not entirely unexpected, are the promising centres, Tim Brasher, from Balmain, tion at Wembley on October and Steve Renouf, one of eight players from Brisbane, the

Fourteen of the 22 players named yesterday helped Aus-tralia to their 2-1 series win Winfield Cup champions. The squad, captained by Mal Meninga, the oldest play-er at 32, is dominated by the here in 1990. Apart from injuries to the full back, Ansame huge pack, whose averdrew Ettingshausen and stand-off half, Laurie Daley, age one-and-a-half stone per man weight advantage proved unstoppable in Brisbane which prevented their inclusion, the squad contains the same 15 players used in the where Great Britain had to backpedal furiously. Malcolm Reilly, the Great summer's decisive 16-10 vic-

# Swinton play for time

SWINTON, who meet Wigan in the Lancashire Cup quarter-finals tonight, will decide on Friday whether to call in an administrator on the basis of a report by independent accountants into the club's troubled financial state (Christopher

irvine writes). Malcolm White, the Swinton chairman, denied claims yesterday that the move would mean the second division club's inevitable demise.

"Putting us in the hands of

the administrator could be in

our interests. He would be

club and keep Swinton alive,"

Halifax have agreed provisional terms for the signing of the Australian forward, Trevor Gillmeister, a member of Brisbane's Winfield Cup-winning side, which beat Sydney St George 28-8 on Sunday. Leeds are expected to sign James Lowes, the promising

Hunslet scrum-half. The crisis in youth rugby has deepened with a decision by the Student Rugby League body to sever its links with the British Amateur Rugby League Association (Barla).

Britain coach, said: "We know all too well the dangers posed by highly mobile men over 17 stones like Paul Sironen, Paul Harragon and Glen Lazarus. The message is now clear, we will, at least, have to match them in the forward area. Control of the ball will be essential for us, as will field position through kicking. Above all, patience will be required."

In addition to brute forward strength, Bob Fulton, the Australian coach, has chosen a proven back line of unsurpassed power and speed, which revolves around Allan Langer, the world's leading scrum half. With Daley's enforced absence, No. 6 is the one vulnerable position. This will be contested between Brad Fittler and Kevin Walters, whose twin. Kerrod. and elder brother. Steve, have also been selected.

The party, due to arrive here next week, will prepare for Wembley — which is heading for a sell-out record crowd of 78,000 for an international with warm-up matches against Huddersfield, Shefagainst Huddersfield, Sheffield Eagles and Cumbria.

AUSTRALIAN SQUAD: T Brasher
(Batrain), W Carne (Brisbane). J Cenwright (Perntth). B Cytle (Cerberra), B
Fittler (Perntth). B Cillespie (Western
Suburbs), B Godden (Newcastle), M
Hanoock (Brisbane). P Harragon
(Newcastle), C Johns. A Langer. G
Lazzaru tal Brochan). R Honour (Brisbane).

Suburber). G Mactay (Pernth). M Meninga
(Carberra, captain). S Renout (Brisbane).

M Sargert (Newcastle). P Stronen
(Belmain). R Shart (Carberra), K Walters
(Carberra).

### song for **Beavers**

**ICE HOCKEY** 

Smith on

# EXCELLENT goaltending at the weekend preserved Basingstoke Beavers' unbeaten run in the Benson and

Hedges Cup and earned them a quarter-final match against Nottingham Panthers (Norman de Mesquita writes). Sheffield Steelers v Durham Wasps, Whitley Warriors v Ayr Raiders and Norwich and Peterborough Pirates v Cardiff Devils complete the draw to be played over two legs next

The final group matches saw Romford Raiders bring off one of the surprises of recent years. Following five successive defeats, they won 8-6 at Durham, the first home defeat for Wasps in 55 games. The Basingstoke goaltender, Jeff Smith, had a more than satisfying evening on

Sunday. Discarded midway through last season by the Cardiff player-manager, John Lawless. Smith returned to South Wales and was outstanding in an 8-1 win, which preserved the Beavers' 100 per

Cent record.

RESULTS: Benson and Hedges Cup:
Group matches: Besingstole Beavers 9,
Bradinel Bees 3: Belingtran Bombers 3;
Durham Wasps 9: File Flyers 5. Sheffled it steelers 5: Medwey Bears 4. Notwich and Peterborough Prates 13, Nottingham Penthers 8, Humberside Seahayles 2; Sough Jets 8. Cardif Davils 14; Ayr Raiders 8, Sheffled 4; Bradinel 13, Stough 4; Cardiff 1, Beatingstole 8; Durham 8, Romford Raiders 8, Humberside 6, Norwich and Peterborough 7; Murrayfield Racers 12, File 8; Whitey Warnors 13, Bellingham 5.

**AMERICAN** 

**FOOTBALL** 

**Buffalo** 

hit the

**Patriots** 

for four

BY ROBERT KIRLEY THE Buffalo Bills put on a devastating display on Sunday

to become the first National Football League club to win

four games in a 41-7 rout of

Jim Kelly passed for three touchdowns as the Bills scored

35 points after the interval.

Thurman Thomas scored his

seventh touchdown of the year

on a one-yard run and fin-ished with 120 yards on 18

carries. Buffalo have outscored

Vinny Testaverde's 14-yard

touchdown pass to Ron Hall with 49 seconds to play gave

the Tampa Bay Buccaneers a

27-23 away win against the Detroit Lions. The Lions led 16-10 at the start of the fourth

quarter. Testaverde, who had

not previously thrown an in-

terception, had three against

Detroit, but still hit on 17 of

Jim Harbaugh completed

two scoring tosses and Neal Anderson ran for two touch-

downs as the Chicago Bears

stopped a two-game losing

streak in a 41-31 decision over

the Atlanta Falcons. The Bears held on after leading

Rich Gannon, of the Min-

nesota Vikings, played with a

chipped bone in his throwing

hand and finished with a

career-best 318 yards and four touchdown passes in a 42-7 rout of the Cincinnati Ben-

gals. Cris Carter caught two

scoring passes, Terry Allen

scored three times and Todd Scott had three of Minnesota's

four interceptions.

David Treadwell, of the

Denver Broncos, kicked four

field goals to provide all the

points in a 12-0 win over the

Cleveland Browns. The

Browns sacked John Elway

longs 42, Concannati Bengals 7, Denver Broncos 12, Cleveland Browns 0, Tompa Bay Buczaniers 27, Detroit Lonis 23, Nou-sion Ollers 27, San Dego Chargers 0, Buf-taio Bills 41, New England Parcials 7, Green Bey Packers 17, Pritisburgh Steelers 3, Los Angeles Rams 18, New York Jets 10, Marm Dolphins 19, Seetile Searawks 17, San Francisco 49ers 16, New Orleans Saints 10

American Conference

31-7 at half-time.

30 passes for 248 yards.

their opponents 153-45.

the New England Patriots.

**FOOTBALL** 

# Wright stays behind as Liverpool go to Cyprus

By Louise Taylor and Ian Ross

MARK Wright may not have boarded Liverpool's flight to Cyprus yesterday but the club captain still managed to be the centre of attention as Graeme Souness's side. prepared for the second leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup tie with Apollon Limassol

tonight.
The England centre half was withdrawn from an already depleted Liverpool party — who are defending a 6-1 lead — at the eleventh hour.

The official reason proferred by club officials was "dead leg" sustained during the 3-2 defeat by Wimbledon on Saturday. But, perhaps significantly. Wright's with-drawal came 24 hours after newspaper reports suggested he would shortly be sold after failing to marshall a defence which has conceded 11 goals in its last three fixtures. Yet, according to a source close to Wright, no transfer is imminent and the player is genuinely injured.

If Wright's future at Anfield remains a mystery, Souness's selection options are painfully dear cut. With ten firstteamers injured and Piechnik, the Danish central defender. ineligible under Uefa rules on the fielding of foreigners, Sourcess's choice is so limited that it revolves around his usual reserve team.

The Liverpool manager, who has been given a vote of confidence by his directors. will fly to Cyprus separately from his players for personal

Cypriot police are not expecting trouble although

World Corporate

Games

Wimbledon

success

for Britain

By Alix Ramsay

FOR years the British have

been looking for a home

grown Wimbledon champion

but at last the wait is over. Today the World Corporate

Games moves to the All Eng-

land Club for the tennis finals

and Britain is guaranteed a

The 293 competitors have

been struggling through the

early rounds at Queen's Club and the Riverside Club with

John Vinnell, from Hamp-

shire, and Simon Glemas.

from Sussex, contesting the

men's Open title and Yvonne

Drew and Jill Storey doing

battle for the women's trophy.

Vinnell, a computer pro-

grammer for IBM, has

dropped only 13 games to the

final, while Glemas almost

came unstuck in the semi-

finals. But despite an easy route to the All England Club.

Vinnell has found adjusting to

the Queen's Club clay courts a

little testing, especially against the large French contingent

who are born to the red stuff.

toughest match. The French are not easy to beat." Vinnell

said. He is a modest chap. however, as he cruised past the Frenchman 6-3, 6-2 in the

The Games may be a good

excuse for businessmen to get

together for a spot of social sport and gentle shop talk but no one is taking their responsi-

bilities lightly. Sanjay Saxena

had just about recovered from passing out as his wife gave

tion from a woman. Nicky

carned themselves a gold medal in the female dominat-

They emerged top of a round robin event that included the Westovians, who

fielded Jamaica's No. 1 male

netballer, the 6ft 5in Colin

ed world of netball.

Sarden. 🧸

semi-finals.

"Marc Tessier was my

winner.

plane-loads of Juventus supporters will be on the island as well as Liverpool's. The Italian side plays Anorthosis Famagusta in Lamaca. "The supporters will be in different towns," a police spokesman pointed out

The police were placed on a security alert only 24 hours after all scheduled local games in Cyprus were cancelled following violence at the end of a match between Omonia and Apollon on Saturday. The referee spent 48 hours in hospital after Omonia supporters had beaten him up following his award of an 89th-minute penalty to Apollon. Seven police were also hurt, one seriously, and four Omonia supporters were

Cardiff City travel to Austria where they face Admira Wacker with whom they drew 1-1 at Ninian Park two weeks ago. Cardiff will be bolstered by the inclusion of Robbie James, who was suspended for the first leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup tie. The Welsh international has impressed at right back since his arrival from Bradford City six weeks ago but is expected to be in his more familiar midfield position tonight.

Eddie May, the Cardiff coach, said that his third division side would score at least one goal. He said: "In Carl Dale and Chris Pike we have the ideal forwards to exploit Wacker's defensive vulnerability. They are dangerous going forward but their defence is not solid. We will

first club to win a divisional

title this year when they took

the National League East on

Sunday with a 4-2 decision

over the New York Mets

(Robert Kirley writes).

After two play-off failures, the Pirates lost hard-hitting Bobby Bonilla to the Mets, traded the 20-game winner,

John Smiley, and released the relief pitcher. Bill Landrum.



Wheel of fortune: Lartigue, driving a Camel Citroen ZX Rallye-Reid, on his way to victory in the Paris-Moscow-Peking Rally

# Rallying to the cause of commercialism

this month, when 153 com-

petitors left Paris on what

was billed as the last great

Less than half survived the

tortuous journey through

vast changes of topography and climate. The terrain

changed quickly from arable

land to desert, while one

section through the Gobi

desert dished up a sandstorm

The professional teams stole the limelight, more for controversy off the stages than the performance on

them. When Pierre Lartigue

drove the victorious Carnel

Citroën ZX Rallye-Raid onto

the finish ramp, there was no

IN BRIEF

Australian is

banned for

using drugs

The Scottish Games Associ-

ation has suspended Matt

Sandford, an Australian, after

a positive drugs test.

Sandford, 22, from Victoria.

who broke several records in

heavy field events this sum-

mer, tested positive for testos-

Gathering on August 15.

Norris's plans

terone, at the Crieff Highland

Boxing: Joe Sayatovich, the

manager of Terry Norris, the

World Boxing Council super-

welterweight title-holder, said

yesterday that he was trying to

arrange a bout for Norris on

December 5, but "it would not be against Simon Brown".

Brown pulled out of their con-

test hours before it was sched-

uled on Saturday because of a

Garrett dies

applause

from

followed by torrential rain.

motor sport adventure.

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN PERING

WHAT was originally

planned as a symbolic end to the inaugural Paris-Moscow-Peking Rally in Tiananmen Square on Saturday turned into a subdued ceremony in the nearby China World Hotel car park. The low-key finale was not out of respect for the three people killed on the 27-day, 10,000-mile event, but purely for commer-

Worried that the 11 million inhabitants would spoil the VIPs view, the podium was moved to a high-security area well away from spectators. Not that they knew when, or even where, the rally would pass through town, for disinformation kept them off the streets. "I had been told I would see a lot of beautiful landscapes but above all I saw a lot of uniforms," one member of the Citroen team

BASEBALL

Pirates are home and dry

up for dead when they lost coasted. They spent all but ten cured at least a tie for the

several important players be- days in first place and became American League West

League club to win a third

consecutive divisional

Danny Jackson, who joined

the Pirates in a mid-season deal with the Chicago Cubs,

yielded six hits in seven in-nings and Jay Bell batted in

two runs on Sunday. Jackson

has pitched for World Series

winners in Kansas City and

Cincinnati. The Pirates are

championship.

How one man's dreams turned sour when controversy clouded what had been

billed as the last great motor sport adventure

said. Even more shameful were the security thugs who muscled members of the international media with incorrectly coloured passes from the finish area. A great opportunity to improve Chinese chances of staging the Olympic Games in 2000 had been wasted in a most dramatic display of ineptitude.

The fact that the organisers, MAPS, had successfully run the event at all was a tribute to Rene Metge. His dream to stage the first West-East rally was shartered nine days before the start last year, with the attempted military coup in the then Soviet The Frenchman's determ-

ination was rewarded earlier

The Oakland A's have se-

American League East, the

Milwaukee Brewers continue

their thrilling charge at the Toronto Blue Jays. Milwau-

kee have won six games in a row and 14 of their last 16.

The play-offs start next week.

season with Toronto, became

the first 40-year-old to knock

in 100 runs in a season with a

two-run home run off Ben

McDonald, of the Baltimore

Dave Winfield, in his first

best navigation in Russia." Thierry Vairdot, Mitsubishi's chief engineer, said. "Why? Because they [Citroën] drive the piste beforehand." Somehow, Mitsubishi believe that Citroën was given the route before the rally started and went out to explore the roads. Citroën discovered the organisers' road book was littered with inaccuracies.

and made their own. Mitsubishi, whose cars came in second, third and fourth, have a number of theories how they received it. but cannot protest: MAPS is owned by the Mitsubishi Corporation, and any appeal would reflect badly on them.

One person who strongly rejects such accusations was the only British competitor, Fred Gallagher. Gallagher. who was navigating for Bjorn Waldegard, said the organisers' road book did not help. "The road book is a

lives in Edinburgh, said. Citroen also deny such claims, preferring to reflect on the historical significance of how they have relived the Croisière Jaune. In 1931, a group of explorers left Beirut on the Citroen Central Asian Expedition, and after meeting up with a second team which had left Peking returned in unison to China. following the old Silk Road. Much of the latter part of this year's rally followed in its

if its modern day ancestor will see the light of day again. One suspects it will, but only if radical changes are introduced to ensure the true spirit of adventure is not overshadowed by controversy

footsteps, and like the

Croisière Jaune, one wonders

again.
FiNAL STANDINGS: 1. P Langue (Fr).
34th 49thm 14sec penaitios. 2, E Weber (Ger). 108 44 behind. 3, B Saby (Fr).
124 49, 4, F. Shinozuka (Japan). 143-13:
5, D Aurol (Fr). 429 46; 6, B Waldegard (Swe), B 10:08.

YACHTING

# Tudor's crew move into second place

WHILE Ian MacGillivray tor, also reported two visitors and his Pride of Teesside crew continued to hold a tenuous lead across the Bay of Biscay vesterday, their rivals in the British Steel Challenge roundthe-world yacht race were swapping places astern.

The biggest loser has been John O'Driscoll's Rhone-Poulenc, which slipped from second to sixth within the tenstrong fleet overnight, dropping 29 miles behind Teesside.

The role of main challenger was taken over by British Steel II, after Richard Tudor and his crew overcame problems with their propeller and a serious leak. Tudor reported that a bolt holding the brake on British Steel's propellershaft had sheared, causing the yacht's folding prop to open and slow them down. When the crew lifted the floorboards to check the problem, they also found six inches of water swilling around in the bilges because a hosepipe had split.

aboard, a large moth and a small yellowhammer. "The bird are the moth, had a kip in the skipper's bunk and then flew off. Richard Tudor thought our spinnaker had torn and called for it to be dowsed, only to find that the bird had deposited a dropping as it left us. We also rammed a basking shark and he went off in a sulk."

Another rising star within the fleet is Heath Insured which wrapped itself around the starting mark last Saturday. By yesterday afternoon Adrian Donovan and his crew had worked their deep blue yacht up from seventh to fourth and were within six miles of Pete Goss and his miles of Pete Goss and his Hofbrau Lager team.

LEADING POSITIONS µs 14.00GMT yesterday, with miles to Rio De Janesol: 1, Pride of Teesside (I MacGatrasy), 4.642.

miles, 2, British Steel II (R Tudor), 4,647: 3, Holbrau Lager (P Goss), 4,661; 4, Heath Insured (A Donovan), 4,667: 5, Coopers & Lybrard (V Chery), 4,667: 6 cqual, Rhone-Pouterc JJ O'Driscoll, 4,671. 6 cqual, Rhone-Pouterc JJ O'Driscoll, 4,671. 6 cqual, Rhone-Pouterc JJ O'Driscoll, 4,671. 8, Naziest Electric JJ Chifferdani, 4,675. 9, Interspray (P Jelles), 4,678. 10, Commercial Union (W Sufferland) 4,685.

Eastern division Dallas Cowboys... 3
Philadelpha Eagles 3
Wachington Reds 2
New York Gients..... 1
Phoenix Cardinals... 0 

Pittsburgh, however, started with 15 wins and five defeats Braves in the play-offs.

THE Pittsburgh Pirates, given in April and then virtually

# Foulds records first win for four years

SNOOKER

NEAL Foulds, who had become concerned as to his chances of winning another tournament, captured his first title for four years with a 10-8 victory over Gary Wilkinson in the final of the Regal Scottish Masters at Motherwell on Sunday (writes Phil Yates).

"I have to admit it was on my mind that I might never

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Pritisburgh Pirases 4, New York Mets 2, Montreal Expos 1, Chicago Cubs 0, Attanta Brases 2, Sen Dego Pathes 1 (10 snurgs). Carcinnati Reds 3, San Francisco Glants 2, Houston Astros 4, Los Angeles Dodgers 2, St. Louis Cardinals 8, Philadelphia Phillias 1, and 5-8.

East division

West division

win again, especially with so many good young players around today," Foulds said. Aged 29, he secured the £40,000 first prize to enda barren spell stretching back to the Dubai Masters of 1988.

From 4-4 at the conclusion of the first session, Foulds drew away to lead 9-6. However Wilkinson, who had elimi-

BADMINTON

WORLD RANKINGS: Men: 1, A-B Wiraneta (Indo), 1,290 points; 2, T Suer-Lauridsen (Den), 975-3; Wi Wenhai (Chins), 775-4; F Permadi (Indo), 746: 5, Zhao, Jianhua (China), 740: 6, P-E Hoyer-Larsen (Den), 690; 7, Kim Hek-kyun (S Nor), 685: 8, J Supriarso (Indo), 690; 9, L Jun (China), 640; 10, H Susanto (Indo), 690; 9, L Jun (China), 640; 10, H Susanto (Indo), 690; 9, Z Yang Julinong (China), 940: 3, S Kusumewardhan (Indo), 745, 4, Huang Hua (China), 790; 5, Lee Heung-soon (S Kor), 705: 6, C Magnusson (Swe), 600; 7, Y Santoso (Indo), 570; 8, L Xisoning (Swe), 565; equal 9, Bang Sontyun (S Kor) and Y Karlika (Indo), 540.

CRICKET

**EQUESTRIANISM** 

nated both Stephen Hendry and Steve Davis earlier in the event, recovered to 9-8 with runs of 106 and 44, before Foulds finally secured victory with a 37 clearance to blue in

the 18th frame.

RESULT: Final: N Foulds (Eng) to G
Wildinson (Eng), 10-8. Frame scores
Foulds Inst): 35-82, 61-22, 78-0, 91-0, 3668, 49-69, 0-116, 93-1, 0-136, 75-63, 30-58,
71-26, 74-6, 122-8, 84-7, 18-105, 18-66, 6237.

Speedway: Wayne Garrett, the Newcastle rider, died in hospital yesterday after 15 days on a life-support machine having crashed when racing against Peterborough.

# FOR THE RECORD

VANCOUVER: Women's world amateur team champlonship: Finel acores: 588: Spain (M Campornenes 74, E Krutin 72, L Navarro 78): 598: Great British and Ireland (J Hockley 73, C Lambert 73, J Mortey 77): 597: New Zesland, 599: Sweden 600: Unsted States, Frances 602: Australa. 603: baly. 608: Korea. 619: Canada Individual: 297: A Sorenstam (Swe), 75, 68, 74, 70, 282: C Lambert (GS and Ire), 70, 73, 76, 73: E Krutin (Sp.), 74, 73, 73, 72.

BUENA PARK, Calliomia: LPGA tourne-ment: Finals scores (US unless stated) 279: N Scranton, 73, 68, 73, 65, 280: M Mallon, 68, 73, 69, 70, 281: S Redman, 73, 71, 69, 68, 282: N Postlement, 72, 72, 67, 71, J Stephenson, 70, 72, 72, 69: S Steinhauser, 71, 70, 73, 69, 284: D Eggeling, 75, 58, 72, 68, D Andrews, 71, 70, 68, 75, 285: N Lopez, 72, 74, 70, 69: B King, 68, 70, 72, 75, 286: J Briles-Hirton, 69, 74, 73, 70: P Bradley, 71, 70, 74, 71: H Stacy, 67, 71, 76, 72: C Schreyer, 71, 68, 71, 75.

7 Johnson (Eng.), £51,805; 5. M. L. De Lorenz (Fr), £34,821.75; 6. L. Naumann (Swe), £34,201.66; 7. C. Nismark; (Swe), £33,411. 8, A. Nicholas (Eng.), £31,584.07; 9. K. Douglas, £30,769.50; 10, S. Mendiburu £26,553.25.

Giles Trollope, the naviga-

226,553.25.

EURIOPEAN RYDER CUP POINTS: 1, N Feldo. 125,775; 2, J Spence, 113,594; 3, 8 Lane 110,933, 4, M A Jimenez, 103,870, 5, M Roe, 85,871, 6, R Kartsson (Swey), 73,455; 7, A Forstbrand, 84,935, 8, J Payrie, 55,404, 9, S Lyke, 55,169, 10, M James, 55,052; 11, S Richertson, 52,640, 12, C Montgomene, 50,307; 13, J Rivero, 45,831, 14, J M Olezabel, 44,500, 15, P-U Johansson, 41,519, GOLE EN MINISTON SCHOOL S TEAM

### OVERSEAS FOOTBALL RESULTS

AFRICAN CONFEDERATION CUP: Quarter-linat: Second leg: Fenovisino Maputo (Moz) 3, Gagnoa (Nory Cest) 1 (Fenovisino Maputo vin 5-1 on egg); ASMO (Gabon) 1. Nainkuto Villa (Uganda) 0 (Nelvinuto Villa vin 3-2 on egg). CA Bizerte (Iun) 2, ASM Oran (Alg) 0 (match abandoned, Bizerte vin 2-0 on egg). Mborgo Sports (Zarel) 1. Shooting Stars (Nigeria) 0 (1-1 on egg). Stars vin 3-2 on pens). ARGENTINIAN LEAGUE: Estudiantias de la Piza 0, Taleres 2; Boca Junors 0, Feno Carti Ceste 0, Huragan 0, River Piza 2; Valez Serield 2, Neveril's Old Boys 0, Belgrano 2. Gimnesia 0, Tucumen 1, Racing Cub 0: Deportion Español 0, Pizaerise 0 Independente 1. Deportion Mandigu 1, Rosano 2, Lanus 0; Argentinos Junors 1, San Lorenco 1, Leaguing poetions: 1, Boca Junors, played 8, 12pts; 2, River Pizae, 8, 11; 3, Huragan 8, 9. Bel Glan LEAGUE Boom 2, Loleren 1, Germinal Barren 1, FC Lege 2, FC Bioges 0, RWO Molerbeek 0; RSC Charlero 3, Lommel 0; Racing Genk 3, Royal Armerp 0, Ad Ghent 1, Carde Brugus 1; Lerse 2, Beveran 0, Anderderd 2, Wanger 1, Standard Lega 8, 13 1, FG Bruges, 7, 11

AFRICAN CONFEDERATION CLIP: Quar-

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Ferguson's team faces vital game

# United may give Robson one more final fling

FROM DAVID MILLER IN MOSCOW

MANCHESTER United, for so long the financial kings of English football if not the playing force they used to be, face potential financial difficulty with an over-manned and overpaid playing staff. Declining attendances, even if offset by an increase in ticket prices, worsen the situation. It is, therefore, important that they survive this afternoon in the Uefa Cup here against

Torpedo Moscow. To do so, they will depend on Peter Schmeichel, of Denmark, probably the best goalkeeper in Europe, and may simultaneously gamble on one more last fling by the veteran Bryan Robson. Given Torpedo's collective skills and United's present uncertain

said to be the youngest team in European competition, may have the stronger controlling influence on a brittle outcome.

In a second leg finely bal-anced after a goalless draw at Old Trafford, United have a marginal advantage from the added value of any away goal; consequently Torpedo will, as Alex Ferguson expects, have to be careful defensively. Another goalless draw is possible, but Ferguson has not had his squad practising penalties. "That wouldn't be the right input, it would encourage the players to think 'he doesn't fancy us'." Ferguson said.

Were everyone fit, the critical choice would concern that of Robson or Phelan as replacement for Darren Fergu-

# Knighton's crusade claims first victim

By Louise Taylor

ALDAN McCaffery became the first manager in the Football League to be dismissed this season when he parted company with Carlisle United vesterday. He was asked to dear his desk less than a week after the Cumbrian club had held Norwich City to a 2-2 draw at Brunton Park in the Coca-Cola Cup.

League results had not gone so well — Carlisle are seventeenth in the third division last season, when United fin-

Since then Michael Knighton, who once tried to buy Manchester United, has taken control of the club. It was apparent from the outset that he and McCaffery, 35. who played as a defender with Newcastle United and Bristol Rovers, would not see eye to

Knighton has a ten-year plan for Carlisle which involves them reaching the Premier League and qualifying for Europe. McCaffery said: "I told Knighton his policies were wrong the first day I met

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money on players is not likely to reach the Premier League." Knighton intends to appoint a temporary playercoach while he searches for a permanent successor to McCaffery. David McCreery. the former Manchester United and Northern Ireland midfield player, may fill that

him. A club that spends no

There is no guarantee of any great job security at Brunton Park. Knighton said yesterday: "Our 2-0 defeat at home to Scunthorpe United was unacceptable. The players let the manager down and have got to know I am not prepared to tolerate that sort of performance. I cannot go out and sack every player but I can demonstrate that I am a man who means business. It is up to me to find a replacement and that replacement will be

put under pressure. "This football club has got to get out of this division and out of the next one and the next one until it is in the Premier League and I do not know how many managers that is going to take."

alongside Ince. But Martin. the right back, has a stomach virus and is doubtful; the replacement will be Parker, who has yet to play a first-team match this season, or Phelan. If it is Phelan, then Robson would be asked to play a defensive midfield role.

"It's difficult to talk to him about it, because he's so deter-mined, and I have the feeling he wants to play," Ferguson said. "If I ask him if he's ready [following Saturday's satisfac-tory reserve match] he'll tell me he is, and I'll probably wait until the morning to discuss it with him." Robson's last appearance was against Liver-pool in April when United surrendered any remaining hope of the League title.

On his present fitness. Ferguson thinks Robson can give the team between 45 minutes and an hour, perhaps enough to help dissolve Torpedo's momentum and motivation, being the less experienced team. As there appears to be no space for Webb, who then, one wonders, will create the

With Schmeichel, Hughes and McClair the three permitted foreigners, there is no room either for Kanchelskis, so Wallace will again be on the opposite flank, this time with Giggs. While Ferguson must be glad of the available permutations today, the surfeit of expensive players such as Webb and Wallace — who cannot find regular places but would be reluctant to move and thereby accept an inevitable drop in wages - presents the club with a long-term

financial dilemma The indisputable individual strength in the team is Schmeichel, so outstanding in the European championship, unbeaten 26 times last season and now on six occasions this season. "He has presence, an aura," Ferguson reflected gladly. "We'll hope to keep it tight and let Torpedo do the worrying. We'll be trying to hold on to the ball."

That is an ambitious hope, for Torpedo have showed an ability to retain possession. They will still be without the talented Tishkov, who has controversially been receiving treatment from Sheffield Wednesday, who would like to buy him. Torpedo may include Pozyomov who scored twice in a 3-2 victory on Saturday, but the man United must fear is the elusive Talalayev at centre forward.



Saving grace: United bank on Schmeichel to keep them in European competition

# Ferguson vows to lose misfit tag

IAN Ferguson, the Rangers midfield player, has promised to use his tenth European match to help him lose the tag of million-pound mistit.

Ferguson, 25, has become the driving force in the Ibrox side this season yet still believes he has to justify his move from St Mirren four years ago. He could go a long way towards doing that by ensuring Rangers overcome Lyngby tomorrow to reach the second round of the European Cup.

"People keep writing about me as the £1 million flop," Ferguson said. "I would love to justify the money Rangers paid for me and get rid of this tag. That means staying in the team and winning some hon-

ours at the end of the season." Ferguson has made only 20 league appearances in the past two seasons because of a succession of injuries, including a hernia operation. But his outstanding recent form means he will make his ninth successive start in Copenha-

gen as Rangers defend a 2-0 first leg lead.

Czechoslovakia, trailing Sparta Prague 1-0 in the Cup Winners' Cup, with injury problems to resolve before the second leg. John Martin, their goalkeeper, and Jimmy Sandison, the captain, are receiving treatment.

Alex MacDonald, the Airdrie manager, said: "Jimmy has needed an icepack on a leg knock while John has strained his neck. At the moment, we are monitoring their progress." Phil Burns, the reserve goalkeeper, is on stand-by and, if Sandison is ruled out. Gus Caesar could return.

Liam Brady, the Celtic manager, yesterday blamed a "basic lack of professionalism" for his team's run of poor results. He conceded that it would require a "special performance" to overturn a 2-0 deficit against Cologne in their Uefa Cup first round second leg in Glasgow.

Celtic have suffered four defeats in their last five games, Airdrieonians travel to including the reverse in Germany a fortnight ago, and Brady said: "There has been a

basic lack of professionalism

and we've been punished.' "In general play, there hasn't been too much to gripe about but, at certain times. we've been let down. The supporters were happy with what they saw for 80 minutes or so against Partick Thistle on Saturday then we shot ourselves in the foot

"We lost a goal from a corner against Aberdeen and Partick's winner also came from a corner. The players must start making the right

decision at the right time.
"More than 50 per cent of the goals we've lost recently have been from set-pieces," he said. "It's not as if we have lost to better teams and that's what makes things even more gall-

ing. If we lose to a better side.

I'm prepared to hold up my

hands and admit it.

defeat but it doesn't alter my thinking that we can beat Cologne. If we play to our do it, although it will take a special performance.

"Saturday was another bad

"Two weeks ago, things were going line and, as quickly as they turned bad, they can turn good again." Brady's toughest decision

tomorrow will be to pick three "foreigners" from a group of five non-Scots. An injury to the Pole, Dariusz Wdowczyk, is likely to reduce the number to four and Pat Bonner, the

Ireland goalkeeper, may make way for Gordon Marshall. Heart of Midlothian. Scotland's other Uefa Cup repre-sentatives, have injury worries for their second leg against Slavia Prague at Tynecastle. Hearts hope to overturn a 1-0 deficit but John Robertson, their leading scorer, is still struggling to shake off a hamstring problem and Gary Mackay is also doubtful.

# Lazio allay injury fears

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

LAZIO, the Italian football club. yesterday set out to calm fears that Paul Gascoigne had suffered a serback in his efforts to recover from the knee injury that had threatened his career. The club's manager. Dino Zoff, doctor and even the player himself said that although Gascoigne was substinuted on his league debut in Rome on Sunday after being struck on the knee, the problem was only a minor one.

For a while, it had seemed Gascoigne's return after 18 months on the sidelines would be shortlived. Just before halftime in Lazio's game with Genoa a tackle from Mario Bortolazzi, the Genoa midfield player, left the Englishman hobbling badly and, when he failed to reappear for the second half, it was thought he may have aggravated the liga-ment injury in his right knee sustained in the 1991 FA Cup

Yesterday, however, the Lazio club doctor, Claudio Bartolini, said that Gascoigne had merely suffered bruising to the knee on the sciatic nerve. which had caused a dead leg.
"It has been a good test on his
knee and it has come through," he said. "We need 24 hours to evaluate the situation properly. This kind of injury on a normal knee can provide problems for up to a week. He didn't ask to come off. I said it was better for him not to go back on, but I didn't

think it was a big problem."
Gascoigne, clearly relieved, said: "What I needed was something like this on my knee and thank God everything is okay. It is nothing, but I came off for cautious reasons, just in case. Now it feels

okay."

Despite the injury, Zoff is considering Gascoighe for Lazio's fixture against Parma what Paul's condition is before I make a decision," he said yesterday. "I wasn't too worried about his big accident. He would have played for a few minutes more."

Although Zoff was under pressure from the club president, Sergio Cragnotti, to include his English international, he was coming under increasing criticism for playing Gascoigne at all yesterday. La Gazzetta dello Sport, the national sports paper, said: "Lazio have learned a lesson. Gascoigne is a long way off and the storm is gathering. If there was one person who might have known that the Englishman was still unfit and who had made that absolutely clear after Wednes-day's friendly with Tottenham, that one person was

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# Brooke must seize chance to provide needed leadership

BY JOHN GOODBODY

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IN LESS than six months as secretary of state in the department of national heritage, David Mellor did not have time to address, let alone answer, the central questions of British sport. His successor. Peter Brooke, must now decide whether the govern-ment is going to provide the necessary leadership, or effectively. whether we are going to continue with a lack of focus. with a multiplicity of organ-isations and with finance, including tax-payers' money.

Peter Lawson, the secretary of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, which represents the national governing bodies, said yesterday that he wanted the government to have a more active role in administration.

Lawson described the appointment of Brooke as "an inspired choice" adding that he has the "the wisdom and gravitas" to look again at the government's disastrous Review of Sport, published by Robert Atkins, the former minister for sport.

Since Colin Moynihan's era, the post has drifted into a hand-shaking exercise, with ministers preferring to watch events and attend functions rather than to give the intelligent leadership for which British sport craves.

Robert Key. Brooke's under-secretary of state. stressed recently that good management practice and fi-

nancial controls should not be restricted to private com-panies. They should also embrace the public sector. However, he has yet to grasp how the lack of government control has meant that a significant problem is less shortage of money than making certain the money is used

Lawson also said that he hoped that Brooke and Key would encourage the appointment to the department of Sebastian Coe, despite the former Olympic champion's wish to broaden his political interests and also despite any government's reluctance to elevate to even junior minister someone who has been an MP for fewer than six months.

However, at the moment, Brooke and Key have to



Coe: should be used

handle the media, the arts, tourism and heritage, as well as sport. Although sport welcomes having a secretary of state championing its cause in cabinet, Lawson said that sport does need a junior minister with specific

responsibility.

This would be an excellent opportunity for Coe to cut his teeth in ministerial work," he said. "It would be of enormous help both in the promotion of the national lottery and also Manchester's Olympic bid, to which the government has given such commitment.

"Who is better equipped to help the government's determination to get the Games than Coe?" More than any other government minister. except possibly John Major. is immediately Coe recognisable to every International Olympic Committee

(IOC) member. Coe led the unsuccessful London bid to stage the 2000 Games, for which the IOC will vote in September 1993, and therefore might be seen as still linked with the capital. However, Coe has never been exclusively identified with London, because he also

supported Birmingham's bid for the 1992 Games at the IOC meeting in Lausanne in 1986. The Games would be Britain's Games, whichever city staged them. And nobody knows the Olympic arena better than Coe.

# **Denison** throws in towel

TERRY Denison has resigned as head coach to the British swimming team less than two months after 80 per cent of the squad failed to improve their times at the Barcelona Olympics (Craig Lord writes).

I accept responsibility for what went wrong." Denison said yesterday, although he urged others, including the swimmers, to stand up and be counted.

The head coach's job, and those of his assistants, will be advertised for the first time in a shake-up of the organisation of the sport. Some coaches had complained privately about the fact that among Denison's assistants in Barcelona were Jim Park and Bob Pay, neither of whom had placed swimmers in finals at the Olympic trials.

After a six-hour meeting of coaches and swimmers on Sunday, Denison said: "I've made no secret of the fact that I'm gutted about Barcelona. We still don't have any concrete answers as to what went wrong. I feel, however, that the discussion that has gone on since has provided us with an opportunity to change the shape of British swimming for the good."

Barry Prime, coach at Birmingham to Nick Gillingham, and Dave Haller, of the City of Cardiff club, who was head coach during the successful 1970s, are among those tipped to take over.

# Prost calls for look at code of conduct

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ALAIN Prost, alarmed at Riocardo Patrese's narrow escape in the Portuguese grand prix on Sunday and Ayrton Senna's threatening attitude, has appealed to motor racing's governing body to enforce the drivers' unwritten code of "In the last few seasons, I

have been disappointed by the lax attitude of drivers in what is still a highly dangerous sport." Prost said yesterday. "I'm not for repression as such but some cases are criminal. "It is up to the federation to

apply the rules, to warn or penalise guilty drivers. With the economic interests now at stake, we have got to make sure that everyone respects the spirit of fair play,"

Prost, who takes Nigel

Mansell's place at Williams next year, claimed that Gerhard Berger, the Austrian driver, was to blame for the crash at Estoril on Sunday that could have cost Patrese his life.

He said Berger should have signalled he was going to pull into the pits before braking hard. "It's part of the unwritten code that seems to have been forgotten.

Patrese said he thought he would be killed when his Williams dipped the back of Berger's McLaren and somersaulted into the air.

Senna, angry at being outmanoeuvred by Prost in get-ting the drive at Williams.

accused the Frenchman of

being a coward and promised all-out war next year. "This is an astonishing thing to say and I hope the governing body takes note," Prost said. Prost and the Brazilian had

an acrimonious partnership at McLaren that carried over when the Frenchman joined Ferrari. Senna admitted he had made no attempt to avoid Prost in a crash in the Japanese grand prix two years ago. Martin Brundle is still keep-ing his fingers crossed that he will get the chance to emulate

Nigel Mansell's success with He flew home on Sunday night, after finishing fourth at Estoril, knowing his ambi-

tions to be Britain's leading driver are finely balanced. The Williams team's confirmation of Prost to lead them in 1993 has left Brundle and Patrese fighting over the No. 2 spot alongside the Frenchman. Brundle did his chances

a power of good with his seventh successive points-scoring finish and his ninth in ten After Mansell, it made Brundle the most consistent driver in Formula One since

May while Patrese has scored points in only four of the last eight races Let's just wait and see," he

said. "Anything can happen in this game. We had been promised decisions before and we are still waiting for them. I'm just going to sit tight and wait for it."



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# **Brains** behind the **bricks**

Anthony Hunt is the engineer

behind many a

great vision chind every great Brit-ish architect there is a B ish architect was a great British engineer. Anthony Hunt's battle hon-ours will soon rival those of

Peter Rice, the engineer who

was awarded this year's royal gold medal by the RIBA. Mr Hunt has worked with all the big names: Sir Norman Foster at the Sainsbury centre in Norwich: Sir Richard Rogers at the Inmos microchip centre in Wales. Michael Hopkins at the Schlumberger factory outside Cambridge: Eldred Evans and David Shalev on the Truro courthouse and most recently with Gordon Benson and Alan Forsyth on their winning en-try for the National Museum

of Scotland competition. Right now he is in the public eye with the bright blue steel tube structure of the Channel terminus nearing completion at Waterloo, where he has been working

with Nicholas Grimshaw. Mr Hunt is very much at the centre of the new minimalism. He describes this as "using the minimum number of parts to do the maximum number of jobs - in a

Stainless steel is one of his favourite materials and on his



Man of steel: Anthony Hunt

office table are a series of stainless steel castings for Waterloo Station. They are not polished up, that's why they look like grey iron. People think of stainless steel as being shiny like cutlery, but you can achieve many degrees of finish from matt to silver."

Glass, says Mr Hunt is still the magic material. In Paris he is working on what could be the last of Mitterrand's grand projets, CCIP, an international conference centre, next to the Eiffel tower. "We got the job with a French architect two years ago. It's three great glass boxes, each 100 metres long, 50 wide and

Transcalled

28 high." He set up practice on his own, when he was just 30, though he has now teamed up with one of Britain's biggest architectural practices, YRM, who are responsible for most of Gatwick airport.

It is right he says to talk of a renaissance of British engineering, bringing structural design to a pitch of adventurousness, hardly seen since the age of Brunel, Stephenson and Telford. At the moment Britain is ahead of both Japan and the United States, he believes. All he regrets is that lack of vision in Britain led ministers to reject the bowshaped bridge proposed by the Spaniard Santiago Calatrava, which would have spanned the new east Thames crossing in one giant leap.

MARCUS BINNEY

# **Carry On into** a new world

A fresh outlook on a well-loved routine brings some familiar characters back to the silver screen.

## Barry Turner on a renovated British institution

et's get one thing straight.

Carry On Admiral is not one of the Carry On series made at Pinewood under the Peter Rogers and Gerald Thomas banner. Their first was Carry On Sergeant made in 1958 with Bob Monkhouse in the lead. Carry On Admiral was a year earlier and featured Wilfrid Hyde White who went on to play the Colonel in Carry On Nurse (the second Rogers-Thomas effort) and ended up with a daffodil in his

It is important to know these details. Any time now Carry On will be a specialist subject on Mastermind. Why not? It is a British institution to rank with the Queen Mother, one of the few success stories of British cinema and the longest succession of films to be made by recognisably the same small group of people. There are aficionados galore quening up to

sit under the spotlight.

So what do you say when Magnus Magnusson asks, as he surely must, how many Carry Ons have been made by Rogers and Thomas? The answer is 29, including the latest, Carry On Columbus which will be at your local cinema from Friday. Carry On Columbus is a bit of an oddball. It is fourteen years since its predecessor Carry On Emanuelle bombed at the box office. The received wisdom then was that Carry On had had its day. The jokes, most of which had a history going back to Marie Lloyd,

were beginning to show their age. So too were the actors. One by one, stalwarts of the Carry On repertory fell off the perch. Sid James, he of the cement mixer voice, was the first to go. He died in 1976 with 19 Carry Ons to his credit. Hattie Jacques (14 appearances) went in 1980 followed by the two camp comedians, Kenneth Hawmey who scored 25 and 23 respectively. Carry On survived for nostalgia huffs in countless television receats and in the video shops, an ever renewable source of income for the Rogers-Thomas partnership and irritation for their actors who had been paid a modest flat fee for their

Meanwhile, the new age of alternative comedy was upon us. Its exponents were rough, tough and pleased to shock. If Carry On was nudge and wink, alternative comedy was a punch in the gut. After Comic Strip and Comedy Store who in their right mind would try to put new life into Carry On?

Enter John Goldstone. This 49year-old producer does not come across as the sort of man to throw away £2 million, which is what it has cost to make Carry On Columbus. He knows what works in comedy, having put together the money for the Monty Python films,

not to mention Terry Gilliam's Jabberwocky and Terry Jones' Erik the Viking. Two years ago he won backing from 20th Century Fox to set up The Cornedy House. The first idea was to sell British comedy talent into America. "There was a limit to that," he says. "We reshot Rowan Atkinson's Mr Bean series and Ben Elton was in demand as a writer. But there are not many British performers who can adapt

to the American market." Then it occurred to Goldstone that Carry On might be due for a comeback. "Comedy goes in cycles. Carry On humour is back in fashion. You can see it on television; the kind of shows that are working are a return to a more traditional kind of comedy. Alternative comedy has become too obstructive, too inward looking."

It has to be said that Carry On Columbus is timely. The anniversa-

### 'Carry On humour is back in fashion. Alternative comedy has become too inward looking'

ry brouhaha gives the subject a topical appeal and with two heavy-weight Columbus movies (Marlon Brando is in one, Gérard Departieu plays Columbus in the other). Carry On is able to do what Carry On has always done best which is to take the mickey out of pomposity. Remember Carry On Cleo? It had more entertainment was certainly more enduring than the Burton-Taylor farrago, if only for the anguished cry from Kenneth Williams as Caesar ~ "Infamy, Infamy. They've all got it in for me". Still, a few fondly remembered lines do not a new movie make. Goldstone had to start with a critical decision. Should he go unashamedly for nostalgia, reviving what was left of the original Carry On team or strike out for new characters and a younger generation of artists. In the event he did a bit of both. The old guard was led by Gerald Thomas who at 72 was signed up to direct Carry On Columbus in the same mechanical style as he had

directed all the other Carry Ons. "He was the obvious choice. No one knows Carry On as well as he-Anyway, there are few enough comedy directors in this country. In television, they're used to half an hour format. They can't sustain a whole movie," Goldstone says.

Tuesday, May 12 which appears to

say "Tithes in Rhapsody"? A prayer

for the day? A song in the tax collector's heart? It had me

stumped for a full 30 seconds until

I made it out to be "Titles in

Chap2" - a reminder to check

some references in the second

chapter of a book I was completing.

I pity my executors if they have to

make sense of my estate from my

hand-written records: they'll be in

Chancery until their own wills fall

Most of the letters I write begin

The critics have not been kind to Thomas but his worst enemy would have to credit him with the rare talent of working to a modest budget. He sticks to schedule come what may and if, sometimes, the joins show, well, what the hell? That's all part of the end of the pier tradition from which Carry On

takes its best material. With Thomas as director, it was only natural to go for another old stager as scriptwriter. Dave Freeman is a master of the pun and double entendre, who learned his trade in the 1940s writing for the best of the stand-up comics. Freeman was the writer for Carry On Behind in 1975 and for several of the television spin-offs such as Carry On Christmas. (Pause for another Mastermind question. How many Carry Ons were made specifically for television? Answer 39. And, for a bonus, there were two stage shows. Carry On London and Carry On Laughing in 1973 and 1976.)

For Carry On Columbus, Freeman had overcome the problem

that sooner or later afflicts any comedy writer. "I couldn't think of a single fact about Columbus that was in the least bit funny."

Do you need facts for a Carry On? "Well, you've got to start somewhere." He read some books and watched a boring film about Columbus starring Frederick March Then I found out that Columbus took along an interpreter. He was a Jew who thought Arabic and Chinese were the same language. Now that's funny." So was born Moishe the Navigator, discoverer of a route to the West Indies. It was the start of the script and of a sizeable role for Bernard Cribbens, veteran of two early Carry Ons.

In the old days, the part of Columbus, known in Carry On parlance as Chris, would inevitably gone to Sid James, who, playing every role as a red-neck con-artist, might have got close to the real man. This time Jim Dale takes centre screen. The nice dim lad of ten Carry Ons, he has now grown to lined maturity; better looking than Sid James, though the same could be said of the Santa Maria's masthead. The new Jim Dale has discovered sex and eventually gets his woman, even if the bed does collapse under him. That would never have happened to Sid who spent all his Carry Ons in a frenzy of sexual frustration. Off the set was another matter, as Barbara Windsor confesses in her biography.

And talking of Barbara Windsor, where is she? Not in Carry On Columbus, that's for sure. There are several other unexpected absentees - Bernard Bresslaw, Joan Sims, Kenneth Connor, Terry Scott. All apparently were offered



Navigating charted waters: Bernard Cribbens (left) and Julian Clary in Carry On Columbus

small roles but were otherwise engaged, though Connor may have spoken for all of them when he said that he wanted to be remembered as a Carry On principal, not a bitpart player.

In their place come the latest generation of comics, Rik Mayall, Nigel Planer, Alexei Sayle, Peter Richardson and Keith Allen, Instead of Kenneth Williams preening and strutting we have the languid mince of Julian Clary.

All the newcomers are fans of Carry On even if the politically motivated humour which made them famous is not in the music hall tradition. A self-confessed nonadmirer, Robbie Coltrane, put himself out of the running to play Columbus. But there is a curiosity. While the young ones claim to have been much influenced by Carry On, they are plodders when it comes to handling the material for real. It is the oldies, including those such as Maureen Lipman, who have never played Carry On before, who steal the biggest laughs. Thrusting themselves into the spirit of the farce, they ham it up like mad and Thomas knows enough to let them get away with it.

ut then, as Don Henderson, who plays a particularly unsavoury bosun explains: "In this sort of film you can do anything. If you're caught wearing a wrist watch, you can say you invented it on the

The Comic Strip graduates do not see it that way. For the most part they are uncomfortably restrained. Mayall and Planer deliver their lines like the speaking clock. And are about as interesting. Clary, a dever and original comedian, relishes Freeman's double entendres. But for the most part he saunters through the film absentmindedly as if he has wandered in

from another film. Maybe the problem is that while the newcomers are comics, their elders are comic actors. Straddling the two crafts is Harold Berens, at 89 the undisputed father of the cast and a one-time stand-up comic who could top the bill at the Holborn Empire. He would certainly be able to answer this final Mastermind auestion:

In which Carry On did these exchanges take place: Man: I dreamt of you last night Girl: Did you?

Man: No, you wouldn't let me.
And: Girl: Do you want to get me into trouble? Man: What time are you off

The first was from Carry On Nurse. The second is not Carry On at all. It is part of Max Miller's routine, circa 1940. Plus ca

# Take it as read that I wrote it

MID LIFE: **Neil Lyndon** on the joining up of letters

looked hard at the form 1 had completed and passed over the counter. Her pen hovered. 'What is ... that?" she said. I peeved.
"What do you think it is?"

The woman at the post office

She shook her head and pursed her lips. "Could be anything." she said. She made a guess: "H?"

"It's not a W," she said. "Is it?" "I give up." "It's an M. Obviously."

"Is it really?" she said, as if I'd told her that it was an Icelandic rune. She looked again. "You don't half write funny, don't you?" I had an advantage over her. I knew that it had to be an M

because it was the first letter of the name of the village where I live and I wouldn't have forgotten that in the five minutes since I completed the form. Otherwise I might have been as fogged as she was. My handwriting is so bad that I often have to guess at its meaning when I try to read what I have written. What, for instance, is the mean-

You do know, don't you, that I'm trying to do you a favour by typing this letter rather than the discourtesy of writing it by hand?" My own son begs me not to send him handwritten letters or cards because the effort of deciphering them eats into his Sega-time. He tells me that I ought to join him in his school class. Last time we had lunch ing of this note in my diary under

due for scrutiny.

together, he made me copy the letters of the alphabet onto a paper napkin and, studying the results, said I wasn't ready to join

them up. The evidence does not exist to support this claim but I am fairly con-

handwriting was as good as his when I was nine. It must have been about that time when I, perverse little git, decided that I would slope it backwards just because everybody else was doing what the teacher told them to do and sloping theirs forwards. Up to the age of 16, there was nothing wrong with the shape of my words except that they appeared to be backing towards their meanings. The gathered



vears of note-taking in the sixth form and three years at university, followed by 20 years of journalism have been too much for my hand, which has collapsed from calligraphy into a priwhich I frequently

secretary who had to spend so much time decoding the enigma of my notes that she got better at it than I was myself. "What does that say?" I would

mislay. In the 1980s I had a

"I've been wondering about that," she would murmur, "and I'm pretty sure I've cracked it." The trouble with our education

system is not that they don't teach

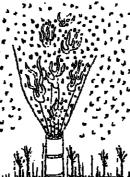
you how to write (they do) but they don't teach you how to make notes. The senior teachers at my school acted as if we had all spent the summer at secretarial school between taking O levels and entering the sixth form and suddenly, magically, we could be expected to take notes on their lessons at the speed of their thoughts.

They didn't even teach you how to hold a pen so that it could travel over a thousand inches of paper at 50 words a second. I adapted my grip so that it became a hunched clench. A school-friend, watching me at work, said "You hold your pen like a butcher's apprentice with a hook in his hand".

My grip wasn't just ugly and inefficient; it also left a physical mark. Thirty years of pushing pens left me with a permanent black blister under the skin of my index finger. It's not much of an industrial injury compared with a broken back or bronchitis but maybe I am the only person in the world who might claim to have contracted a repetitive strain injury from a pen? That little wen is a mark of a vanished age. For most of my working day, I've got about as much use for a pen as an accounts clerk has for an abacus. The word processor came to save my finger from withering and my words from the extinction of indecipherability. I use the machine for everything,

even love letters. About 30 years ago, Katharine Whitehorn said that anybody who would use a typewriter to compose a poem must be short of a hexameter in the muse and soul department. What would she think of somebody who found, as I do, that the wordprocessor is perfect for poems: you can change any word or line as many times as you want, saving all the versions if you choose and never have to scratch your head over an old line. The Post Office isn't in the poetry market, however. They want unequivocal Ms and no messing. They might have a chance if I could get their forms on disc.

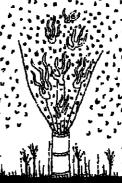




A new theatre piece by leading poet/playwright Tony Harrison which combines invigorating verse with music, movement and magic, to explore the creative and destructive powers of science.

Director Tony Harrison. Designer Jocelyn Herbert, Lighting Mick Hughes, Music Dominic Muldowney,

Choreographer Lawrence Evans. Magic Consultant Ali Bongo. Costume Transformations Arturo Brachetti





ESPANA: In the first of two concerts to commemorate the Columbus anniversary, the Dufay Collective and the Matrix Ensemble join forces for an intriguing mixture of Spanish music ancient and modern (the latter represented by works by Falla and Roberto Gerhard)

Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.45pm. IL TROVATORE: Scottish Opera's new production, by Mark Britiman. continues the company's policy of assembling impressive international casts. Acuteria (Ludmilla Nam). Mannoo (Paolo Kudnavchenko) and the Count di Luna (Madmir Redken) are ali from the Bolshoi. Lenora is the winner of the 1991 Cardiff Singer of the World competition, Lisa Gasteen. Richard

Amstrong conducts. Theatre Royal, Hope Street, Glasgow (041-332 9000), 7 15pm. THE FORCE OF DESTINY: Well balanced English National Opera production of Verdi's compelling opera under the baton of the estimable Mark Elder Josephane Barstow takes command of the most demanding of all Verdi's dramate soprano rotes, that of Leonora; Edmund Barham is at his best as Don Alvaro, and John Connell, Anne-Mane Owens and Jonathan Summers make a fine sonnotibur cast Summers make a fine supporting cast Richard Hudson's 19th-century costumes are set against a brightly coloured abstract set.

Colliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2 (071-836 3161), tonight, 7pm. 'H' PATTEN: Drawing on traditional forms of dance, music, camwal and storytelling, ina de Wildams traces the Alncan-Cambbean-British cultural lation back to its African roots assimilation pacts to its Amican roots through slavery, liberation and migration "H" Patten has worked extensively in the performing and visu arts field with groups such as Adado Pan African Ensemble. This is his first.

AT THE ALCHEMIST: David Bradley and Jonathan Hyde numbly conning the town in Sam Mendes's very funny production of forson's sature. Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Tonight, tomorrow, 7 15pm. 135mms. Final performances.

ANGELS IN AMERICA: This line performances in Tony Kushiner's fascinating state-of-the-Union drama on Aids, religion, politics, everything. National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252) Tonight-Thurs 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 1.30pm.

COLQUHOUN AND MACERYDE Sometimes witty but hollow study of two Fitzrovian painters who drank Some irres with put noisy study of two Fitzhouan painters who drank heavily and are now forgotten. Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745) Mon-Sat, Spm. mat Sat, Apm. 150mms.

DEATH AND THE MAKDEN: And Defined in the beauting Americans of the Dorfman's scorching psychological drama on the longing for revenge. Penny Downse, Danny Webb and Hugh Ross make up the cast. Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WCZ (071-836 5122), Mon-Sat, Spm. Nat Thurs The Sat Acon. 120mins. WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, Spm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm, 120mins. FROM A JACK TO A KING: With

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Rylance, Phil Darvels in superbly staged production of Gogol's "Sting" drama. Tricycle, 269 Kilbum High Road, NW6 (071-328 1000). Mon-Sat, Spin, mat Sat, 4pm. 100mins, Final week. GRAND HOTEL: Musical barley remental, American, entertaining. minion, Tottenham Court Road. HAMLET: Alan Rickman in Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, W6 (081-748 3354). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm 195mms. (Sold out for complete run ) M AN INSPECTOR CALLS: Stephen Daldry's astonishingly powerful resurrection of Priestley's drama of so*cial responsibility.* National (Lyttelton), South Bank, S&1

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### TODAY'S EVENTS

followed by Lily Savage's show, Savage 8 — The Return, Her Dietrich Impersonation is worth catching. Purcell Room, South Bank, London 651 (773 - 978 8799), 2 200-1

SE1 (071-928 8800), 7.30pm and

10,000 MANIACS: This one-off gig in

an intimate venue showcases the band's new album, Our Time in Eden, Natalie Merchant's soaring vocals combine effectively with the country rocking rhythm section. The Oranga, North End Crescent, London W14 (071-371 4317), 8pm.

THE STRANGLERS: The enduring

punk group goes on a ten-date tour, supported by the up-and-coming Bradford quartet Loud who promote an

Bracterid quartet Loud who promote an interse yet brooding brand of rock.
Colston Hall, Bristol (0272 223632), tonight, 7pm. Town & Country Chip. 9-17 Highgate Road, NWS (071-284 0303), tomorrow, 7pm. Chric Hall, Wolverhampton (0902 312030), Thurs. 7pm. Academy, Manchester (051-275 4815), Sat. 7-30pm.

THE DARLING FAMILY — A DUET FOR THREE: Promising-sounding Canadian play by Linda Griffiths about

a couple adapting to a pregnancy.
Old Red Lion, 418 St John's Road.

London EC1 (071-837 8716). Preview tonight, 8pm; opens tomorrow, 7pm; then Tues-Sun, 8pm.

MOWGLL, L'ENFANT-LOUP: As part

MOWGLL L'ENFANT-LOUP: As part of the European Arts Festival, of the European Arts Festival, Strasbourg's leading children's theatre company Theatre Jeune Public will tour Instant with a new interpretation of Kipling's Jurigle Book. The story of the wolf-child is told using 80 exotic musical instruments (each representing a jurigle animal), a Max Ernst-style set and a recorded narrative by Judi Dench, Haymarkets Studio, Belgrave Gate, Leicester (0533 539797). Today-Fri, 10.30em, 1.30pm, 5at, 10.30am, 3pm, 7.30pm.

A WOMAN KILLED WITH KINDNESS: Michael Maloney and Saskia Reeves in an Elizabethan domestic tragedy packed with telling

The Pit, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891) Torigint, tomorrow, 7.15pm. 180mars. Final

WOMEN LAUGHING: Michael

Wall's subtly comic and poignant drama of husbands going crazy. First rate

Theatre Upstales, Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (071-730 2554), Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, 150mins.

A WOMAN OF NO IMPORTANCE:

Philip Prowse's trumphant RSC production. John Carlisle as a callous aristocrat in Wilde's social melodrama

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Theatra Royal, Haymarket, SWI (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7-30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2-30pm, 165mins.

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Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299) . . . . . Starfight Express: Apollo Victoris (071-828 8665) The Woman in Black: Fortune

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(071-836 2238).

A daily guide to arts compiled by Kari Knight

solo work created in consultation with

African dance expert Peter Abdejo. ICA, The Mall, London SW1 (071-930 0493), torught, tomorrow, 8pm. JUAN GRIS: The one leading figure of the Cubist period not yet collected together for reassessment, Gris (1887-

together for reassessment, arts (1667– 1927) is finally given a major retrospective of some 60 paintings and 30 drawings. The show concentrates on his Cubist work, showing the evolution of his style and revealing a more sensuous, less intellectual artist, then sersious, ess interectual artist, men previously supposed. Whitechapel Art Gallery, Whutechapel High Street, Landon E1 (071-377 5015). Tues-5un, 11am-5pm (Wed to 8pm), until Nov 29. Free

admission on Tues.

AN ENGLISH ARCADIA: Many original drawings survive for stately homes in the National Trust's care, and for the gardens and garden buildings that surround them. This show brings together some 120 drawings made for gardens between 1600 and 1900, included are works from the hand of such tumparties as 5° home Vanbroch. such luminaries as Sir John Vanbrugh, "Capability" Brown, Humphrey Repto and Sir Edwin Lutyers. Hazilit, Gooden & Fox, 38 Bury Street, London SW1 (071-930 6422) Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, until Oct 15. PERREER PICK OF THE FRINGE: Nine PENEZER MICK OF THE PRINTER. AND award-winning shows can be seen over the next three weeks at the Purcell Room. Tonight's double bill features the feroclously funny Snatling Beasties in The Woman Who Cooked Her Husband.

> nearly every enjoyable quality subtracted. Globe, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5065). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 150mins. THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London ■ House full, returns only
Some seats available
Seats at all prices

(071-928 2252). Today, 2.15pm and

N THE INVISIBLE MAN: A cracking revival of last year's production, prior to a West End run. Arnading stage tricks devised by Paul View.
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DANCE

# **Enjoyable humbug** with all the festive trimmings

IF SHAW and Wodehouse are fair game for musicals, why not Dickens for ballet? Which thought indicates how best to regard Northern Ballet Theatre's latest production. A Christmas Carol, sponsored by Digital and BT and premiered at Bath on Satur-day: a balletic entertainment rather than high art.

There is actually quite a lot of singing in it, carols and other traditional songs, many of them sung by the dancers, others recorded by the Choristers of Wakefield Cathedral. Even Tiny Tim (played by local schoolchildren during the tour William Cartwright-Hignett at the premiere) has a solo. "How far is it to Bethlehem?" Carl Davis uses the traditional tunes as the basis for much of his orchestral music, too, and his own numbers, aptly enough, often called to mind other familiar models — a whiff of Bellini about a romantic duet, a hint of Sibelius's Valse Triste when the ghosts

Davis first suggested making the ballet, and collaborated with Christopher Gable on the scenario as well as writing the score. The production team is the one that worked together on NBT's Romeo and Juliet: Gable as director, Massimo Moricone as chore-

are dancing.

ographer, Lez Brotherston as designer. Brotherston's costumes for the ghosts are, with one exception, especially successful. Scrooge's dead partner Jacob Marley makes a frightening appearance (treading as heavily as the Commendatore in Davis's score) removing his scarf to let his jaw gape

DAVID MASSINGHAM's dancers

look alert, cool, confident. They are

sexily dressed, mostly in figure-hug-ging briefs (red plastic or fashionable

black), or slinky clothes suited to a social evening. Their presentation is confident, laid-back. All this is just as

well, because what they have to

perform is not actually very interesting.

The best piece on their programme, shown briefly in London before an

autumn tour, is also the only compara-

tively old piece: Six Bassey Songs, which dates from 1989. Two couples

in a bar each dance two contrasted

duets, with group numbers to frame them for and aft. The mood varies

from smoothy to sentimental, just as

the Shirley Bassey recordings prove a

motley collection, ranging from tacky

A Christmas Carol Royal, Bath

wide. The spirit of Christmas Present is a jolly giant with red trousers, green holly-trimmed coat over a bare chest, scattering glitter dust; and Christmas Future is a skeleton with lattered cloak and crestfallen wings.

A pity that, because the story otherwise provides few solo roles for women. The ghost of Christmas Past (who enters Sylphide-like through Scrooge's window) has to be a glamorous creature wearing a short gauzy shift over glistening tights; the wreath of tinsel round her head might make irreverent minds think she looks more like a Christmas present.

Brotherston again builds his sets from a few basic blocks which can be pushed about or turned around for quick scene changes. Gable keeps the action going efficiently and Moricone's dances are lively if not particularly inventive or expressive. He provides a pretty enough duet for the young Scrooge's rejection by his sweetheart Belle, which is nicely carried off by Fergus Logan and Jayne Regan.

Otherwise the various dances tend to look interchangeable: all the male solos have lots of scampering jumps. Wil-liam Walker as a touchingly sympathetic Bob Cratchit does them best. with Luc Jacobs as a fiddler at the Fezziwigs' party not far behind him. Gable and Moricone rely heavily on placards, wall-hung mottos or a

Fergus Logan as Young Scrooge: dances are lively, if not very inventive

tend to repeat their comic or scary effects rather often. But the company does them proud. Jeremy Kerridge as Scrooge is confined for too much of the evening to acting snappy or timorous,

voiceover to tell their story, and they do but gets his reward in a crazy comic solo around or across his bed as. regenerated, he dresses for the final happy Christmas.

JOHN PERCIVAL

### DANCE

## **Brief encounters**

David Massingham

to impassioned. In this piece, the gives context

Bloomsbury Massingham a basis of raw material in the form of social dances which he can beef up with some acrobatic partnering. Similarly, with the short opening number, Scrum. rugby football tackles, runs and throws are arranged in slow motion and repeated several times over, accompanied by snatches of monstrously inflated Shostakovich, which sound as if and posture in the gloom around two

they must come from one of his film scores. The choreography bears little re-

lationship to the music, but that lack of any correlation was obviously seen as a screamingly funny joke by some

The two more ambitious new works show up more clearly Massingham's lack of any personal movement vocabulary. In To Power, the dancers pose

metal sculptures by Charles Quick, accompanied by a rag-bag selection of recordings by four composers. The music for Severance is all by

Dead Can Dance, but again sounds like a pot-pourri, starting religioso and going on to numbers evoking various folkloric styles. The groupings here set the dancers in various confrontations without ever getting to any real dramatic or emotional point, and the writhings that pass for choreography do not build any independent interest.

The dancers (Idit Spiro and Christopher Carney especially) carry the weight of the evening well, but the material gives them little opportunity to leave any memorable impression.

JOHN PERCIVAL

## It's tough at the top

Chris de Burgh Earls Court

"WE'RE going to dance our socks off tonight," said Chris de Burgh at the start of his show last Friday. It was more a challenge than a promise; many of the 18,000 fans had reached the age where dancing should be attempted only under a doctor's supervision.

Every fortyish star envisages himself as a dangerous rock desperado but de Burgh's need to toughen up must be especially compelling. He is popularly perceived as the archetypal car-stereo smoothy, and his signature song. "Lady in Red", as a masterpiece of drippiness. Hardly surprising, then. that in concert he assiduously projects a

hardier image.

Even more starding, at least to this viewer, was that de Burgh, Rock Animal, was pretty convincing. Where compatriots like Mark Knopfler regard the stage as a laser-lit armchair. de Burgh was determined to occupy every inch. He was incessantly active. running between microphone stand

and drum riser, pausing occasionally to relate a salty anecdote. Credulitystretching as it may sound, he was not

unlike a middle-aged Sid Vicious. In all other respects the two-hour show was the theatrical spectacle you expect from pop's millionairing classes. The stage was dominated by an immense serpentine inflatable whose curves were illuminated by a dramatic light show. De Burgh and band were drenched in cool mauves and greens. the effect prettified by mirrors suspend-

ed from the ceiling.

The star worked through the new Power of Ten album and what seemed like hundreds of other tunes. Fortunately, the ratio of sentimental ballards, such as "Much More Than This", to celt-rockers like "Light A Fire" was low. De Burgh sustained the up-beat mood with a music-hall

singalong, "Patricia The Stripper". Then, in an invidious category of its own, came "Lady In Red". Since it was released in 1986 this work has graced the jukebox of every pub in the land. It is hard to imagine a sicklier confluence of mawkishness and doe-eyed earnestness. De Burgh sang it with admirable restraint, hands thrust shyly in pockets. Performed so, it was almost rather moving. Afterward, though, you could not shake the sensation of wanting to brush your teeth.

CAROLINE SULLIVAN

CATS

# Werewolf

ROCK

Warren Zevon Town and Country

bites back

CURRENTLY making what he termed an "Homeric quest" around the world recording performances for a forthcoming live album, Zevon's oneoff London appearance, his first in several years, drew what must have been a gratifyingly large crowd for the

Californian singer-songwriter.
Despite having released 11 solo LPs since his eponymous 1976 debut, the bespectacled, pony-tailed Zevon remains best known in Britain for the early "Werewolves of London", a particularly black-humoured novelty song. He performed it dutifully here. but gently silenced those fans who had been waiting all evening for the chance to indulge in some lycanthropic baying. "You wouldn't want me to end up singing that in Las Vegas, would you?" he asked. "Now I'd like you to listen to some other songs."
Linda Ronstadt, his early champion

in the days when she still considered herself a rock performer, added a sweet and wistful tone to what remain some

of Zevon's most concise and affecting songs. "Carmelita", even now one of the most vivid depictions of a drug addict's misery to have been penned, was darker, more sardonic, here. And two other Ronstadt favourites, the piano ballad "Hasten Down the Wind" and the rousing "Poor Poor Pitiful Me", were also sharper in their author's own rendition.

Zevon revealed, mid-set, that his

most enduring influences are author Norman Mailer and the white blues artist John Hammond Jnr. And in the course of his lengthy appearance one became increasingly aware of their relevance.

The title track to his most recent LP. Mr Bad Influence, could hardly be called musically sophisticated, yet as a condemnation of the value structure of his home state it would be hard to better. Even what he called his foray into "easy listening" territory, the deceptively pretty "Searching for a Heart", packed a lyrical punch.

And if there were moments of selfindulgence in an evening that saw an unaccompanied Zevon alternate only between guitars and keyboards, they were more than compensated for by his intelligence and insight. That he is still supported by the multi-national that sells us Prince and Madonna is something of a minor miracle.

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TELEVISION REVIEW: Peter Barnard is dismayed by the first morning of Channel 4's The Big Breakfast

# No appetite for a breakfast with Bob

been through so many incarnations that it must soon attract a franchise bid from the Dalai Lama. En route to this inevitable dev-Bob, the beloved Geldof. He is the star turn of The Big Breakfast, Channel 4's latest attempt to turn us into a nation of jugglers defined as people who can watch the box while balancing a fried egg on

The short history of breakfast television has demonstrated that the very name is a contradiction in terms. At this time of day we are attemptget out. Thus is radio the obvious, logical, backdrop and thus does The Big Breakfast attempt to sell itself as radio TV". The term comes from the press release, a ghastly mix of pretentious nonsense and ludicrous imagery: "This is a show that curdles your milk and sends your fried eggs running for

That is at least fair preparation for the programme itself, ghastly mix of pretentious nonsense and ludicrous imagery. It is tabloid television minus the substance we have come to associate with, for example, the Daily Sport. Channel 4 is rightly commit-

their shells."

ted to the pursuance of minority audiences, but how large a minority do the terminally moronic constitute?

The show is set not in a studio but in three east London lock-keeper's cottages which have been knocked into one. The result is the preexisting three shows, knocked into none. The colours are primary yellow, red, blue - on the presumed argument that at 7am we need cheering up. 1 am reminded of an earlyevening remark by a friend in a bar: "If this is happy hour,

why am I so miserable?" Naturally the presenters are horribly cheerful: "I'm

They banter back and forth with the crew. They throw things at the crew, the crew throws things at them. The news comes every 20 minutes. no more than 10 seconds per story, nothing (yesterday) foreign, unless you count the

retirement of Imran Khan. There are cartoons: boy, are there cartoons. There is a competition: "Who's washing line is it anyway?" Five items are hung on the line and people call in to guess to whom they might belong. Yesterday they belonged to

Kylie Minogue.
There is a "family of the week", the Molyneuxs from

into the lock-keeper's premises to talk to us about each other. And about world events: the David Mellor resignation was "a shame". Er... possibly.

Shortly after 8am comes Geldof. He describes what he has seen so far as "rubbish", and I am not here to disagree with him. We cut to the first of Geldof's much-hyped interviews, to be shown in segments of a couple of minutes down the week. Paul Keating. the Australian prime minis-ter. talks to Geldof about putting his arm around the Queen - he says that he didn'i. And about being a

Keating in fact, says nothing new to Geldol, who has shaved for his live appearance on the programme but not for his recorded interview with Keating. Old Bob, so perverse. dontcha love him? Shortly afterwards. Bob's wife Paula Yates arrives to interview Joanna Lumley, for a reason I now forget. At least things are

looking up.
But looks are not enough. not on "radio TV". In the days since the mission to explain of TV-am's Famous Five, breakfast television has been on a slippery slope. I had thought Roland Rat marked the bottom. Not quite.

ARTS BRIEF

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# Colour lights up the life of Riley

Bob Geldof: shaven and unshaven in the same show

hen Bridget Ril-ey first became celebrated in the 1960s, her art was notorious for its eyebattering toughness. Direct seemed to be launched on the retina, by paintings which sucked the viewer into a dazzling vortex or sent lines coursing down the canvas in a cascade as overwhelming as a mountain waterfall. No wonder Riley was thought of as a combative young artist. Fiercely uncompromising, she was prepared to fight anyone who tried to steal her images for Op Artderived fashion fabrics or bill-

board hoardings. Now, however, in her 61st year, the controversial prodigy has been replaced by a quieter. more reflective artist. Not that the paintings in the first room of this Hayward exhibition of work from the past decade are any less rigorous than before. Thin vertical stripes fill each canvas with their stern authority, signalling Riley's undiminished commitment to an abstract language. But the black-and-white aggression of her early work is exchanged, here, for a love affair with colour. Although black stripes still appear in many of these paintings, they are interspersed with clusters of highkeyed greens, yellows, blues and oranges. They energise our eyes without directly assailRichard Cork on an artist who combines rigour

with warmth

in observation of nature.

often point to a starting-point

References to Cherry Autumn or Burnished Sky suggest that pattern-making in a sealed-off studio is not her concern. Rather she tries to find an equivalent for the visual sensations which excite her in the world beyond the window. Without recording in a literal way, she does invite us to see her stripes as the pared-down essence of her response. Thus, on one level, the stripes of a painting such as Summers Field might refer to a close-up scrutiny of thicklypacked wheat or grass. But they could equally well derive from a more distant prospect

an aerial view, perhaps. Abstraction allows Riley to juggle with several references in one picture — as well as continuing to assert the primacy of a flat, painted surface with a pictorial reality of its own. But as we move through this magisterial exhibition, so she reveals a greater willingness to let nature enrich the stern scaffolding of her previous work. By 1986, when

austere verticals had begun to sprout diagonal offshoots. They grow out of the upright stripes like leaves springing from plant stalks, and the colours are softer and warmer than in the early 1980s.

Within a couple of years, though, some of the former vibrancy had returned. In New Day, one of the strongest paintings of the period, the dense crowding has been loosened to admit generous areas of white. And substantial clumps of black exert a refreshing influence in a picture where the emphasis on vertical poles of colour is matched, now, by an increased reliance on diagonal shafts.

Eventually, in the most recent paintings, the diagonals are allowed to perform an outspoken role. They travel across each composition like sunlight falling through a wood, animating each of the vertical forms which now resemble tree trunks.

Riley's compositions remain as tightly ordered as ever, and they are also reminiscent of sumptuous patchwork quilts. But the idea of standing in a forest glade will not go away. Despite her strict adherence to systematic abstract schemes, these new Rileys may one day be seen as exclamatory additions to the British landscape tradition at its most headlong. Bridget Riley at the Hayward Gallery, South Bank, London SE



# **Progress under pressure**

s is the grisly way in rock 'n' roll, the death of Freddie Mercury last November prompted a huge upturn in worldwide sales of Queen material. Even now, the group's manager Jim Beach says he has never been so busy, and the surviving members, guitarist Brian May, bassist John Deacon and drummer Roger Taylor, still have frequent meetings to deal with their continuing business affairs. But according to May, no firm decisions have yet been taken about the future of the group.

"We're very close and we do a lot of talking," he says in his quiet, earnest voice. "There are certain things we can do in the future. We can finish off a small amount of material on which Freddie has sung, but which hasn't been released yet. As for going out on the road, we don't seem to have any consensus of opinion yet.

"My personal feeling is that we should never go out and try and be Queen again. It doesn't make sense without Freddie. At the same time I don't want to close the door on ever working with those guys again. Personally, I would like to take a bit of a breather, get the chance to find out who I am, and think about it all a bit later on."

May can afford to be sanguine. Unlike the other two he has already launched a solo career with both perfect timing and conspicuous success. His debut single "Driven By You", first heard as the soundtrack of a Ford car commercial. reached No 6 earlier this year and the follow-up. Too Much Love Will Kill You", peaked at

No 5 this month. His debut album, Back to the Light, is released this week. It is a varied collection of mainstream rockers and ballads, pitched roughly in the Queen tradition, and featuring some surprisingly robust vocal performances by May.

"I worked very hard on the singing. I built up my voice by going in every day and doing a couple of hours, just like a weight training course. And of course I learned a lot from Freddie. He was a totally selfmotivated man. If there was anything he wanted to do but couldn't, he would go away

Having launched a successful new solo career, Queen's guitarist Brian May talks to David Sinclair about trying to come to terms with the death of Freddie Mercury



Brian May: evidently something of a perfectionist

and learn how to do it." May, who is evidently something of a perfectionist himself. has spent five years working (on and off) on the album. They have been five of the most traumatic years of his life. The death of his father, his highly publicised relationship with Anita Dobson and the break-up of his marriage, were all conducted against a background of nagging fears for the future of both Mercury and Queen. The group's last tour ended at Knebworth on August 9, 1986, but according to May. Mercury did not divulge that he was suffering from Aids until just a few

months before his death". There was a period leading up to that when we were fairly convinced that we knew what was wrong, but we respected the fact that he didn't want to talk to us about it. He didn't tell us anything in the early days. He just suddenly, cate-

gorically said: 'I don't want to

tour.' I think he was dealing with it privately for years. "He never asked for sympathy from anyone else. He was a very strong person and always liked to be in control of his own destiny. He knew that if he did announce it his life would become a circus and he would be prevented from

going about his business, which was making music. He wanted it to be business as usual until the end. There was no drama, no tears in his eyes. He was incredibly self-contained."

Even so, once Mercury's condition was fully understood, the pressures on the group became immense. "We didn't feel we could speak about it to anyone," May says. "It was particularly hard lying barefacedly to our friends. And, of course, we had to stand by and watch this incredibly talented, strong man, in the prime of his life, gradually wasting away. There was a terrible feeling of

or May, now 45, the strain of this period seems to have triggered something of a mid-life crisis. A tall, willowy figure (he stands six foot two and a half, plus clogs and hair) his furrowed brow and rather woebegone expression reveal a highly-strung interviewee. He speaks at times as if the worries of the world are his copyright, an impression which the lyrics on his album do nothing to contradict. On one track he admits to being scared of everything — from Steven Berkoff to "being ugly, being boring, being dull".

"I've been through a very hard time in the last few years and had therapy and all kinds of stuff which I don't particularly want to talk about, but you do realise that we're all little children inside."

Born in Hampton, Middlesex. May had the sort of stable, well-educated upbringing that is something of a liability in rock n'roll. "There was an underlying belief in fairy tales. I was not taught how tough life is." His father, a gifted electronics engineer, helped him to build his own guitar when he was in his teens, and May uses that same, homemade instrument to this day. Although he is keen to develop his prowess as a singer, he still regards the guitar as "the basic means of doing what I do. It's the only thing I can fully express myself with."

● Back to the Light by Brian May

is released on Parlophone

**THEATRE:** Macbeth at the Watermill, Newbury

### **Fair is** month on visits to the Tokyo Globe and Buenos Aires, Euan Smith's not foul production is stronger in its details than in guiding these towards a unified whole. What we are given is a toughie general, his yonking boots and purple beret identifying him enough as commanding the Scotish Paratroops, who finds himself

to his "Sleep no more", staring haggardly at his hangman's hands, his "Tomorrow" speech goes jogging past, and "Then comes my fit again", on learning of Fleance's escape, suggests that it troubles him little more than the chef's regret that the haggis will be a

little late. Gregory Smith's conveniently transportable set contains no vertical scenery - the production here, as in Tokyo, is designed in the round and consists of worn slabs crossed with deep conduits such as might convey blood away in an abattoir.

The witches crouch around grating that is sometimes lifted to reveal a dead body floating in reddish water. This offers the prospect of grisly visions to come, but nothing ever emerges from this substitute cauldron. Nothing goes into it either, not one toe of

Smith's production requires all the horrid apparitions to be imagined by us yet, once again, Henshall's quick recital of them gives them insufficient terror. The grating serves as the banquet table, with cushions laid around it by the witches, but this seems a mere necessity forced by the confines of the stage than any real identity.

The reversal of power between Macbeth and his lady is effectively shown when he mesmerises her into stepping towards him, and Caroline Loncy's distracted wiping of her hands rings true.
There is telling use of play

with hands throughout the production and yet possibilities are continually ignored: we have no sense that Malcolm is only pretending to be vicious in order to test Macduff. At the end he says so and that's that. The production relies too much on this take it or leave it approach.

JEREMY KINGSTON



Deborah Warner: debut at Glyndebourne in 1994

### Last chance . . .

THERE is a thesis to be written on the number of groups influenced by the Velvet Underground. The latest is Luna, a trio of refugees from other bands: Dean Wareham tex-Galaxie 500) on vocals and guitar, Justin Harwood (ex-Chills) on bass and Stanley Demeski (ex-Feelies) on drums. Luna's UK tour ends tomorrow at the Tivoli. Buck-ley (0244 550782).

### RADIO REVIEW

# **Difficult family outings**

he Monday Play on Radio 4, A Bit of Berlin, was about a conventional English couple who go to Berlin to see their son; after he has been attacked in the street, and discover that he is a homosexual. The theme may have been obvious but the treatment of it was excellent.

out of his depth among the

pin-striped courtiers of Civvie

Street. Like the ex-paratroop-

ers in the current television

series, he chooses to survive by

This is all very well as a base for Macbeth's decline but the

moments of uncertainty and

curt choice are inconsistently

weighted. Douglas Henshall's

reluctance to rise bloodily to

the occasion, as his wife de-

mands, is clearly expressed yet

it follows a scene where his

own dawning thoughts on

murder lack the appropriate

alarm. His back-and-forth in-

terpretation relates less to the

character's Hamlet-like waver-

ing between indecision and

impulse than to his style of

dealing with these changes.

While he brings a fine frenzy

turning criminal.

The parents, Vic (James Grout) and Barbara (Rowena Cooper), are past masters at concealing things from themselves under wreaths of optimism and ready-to-wear euphemisms. Mark's boyfriend, Dieter (Walter Van Dyk), is beautifully balanced, understands the feelings of all parties, gently teaches the parents about homosexuality and even manages to persuade Mark that he has been cowardly in not telling his parents

vears ago. The weakest element was the revelation that Vic himself, in Berlin after the war, took part in a vicious attack on an old man, even fantasising that the victim was a "pervert". All told, this was perhaps as much a liberal education lesson as a play, but it was well worth putting on.

Another story about people having to adjust to the unexpected is being read on Radio 4 this week and next. In this case it is the Queen and her family, who have to learn to live on a council estate when the Republican party unexpectedly wins the election.

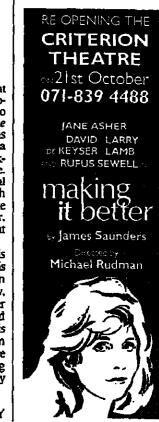
The author is Sue Townsend, and this is an abridged version of her new novel The Queen and I. It is read by Miriam Margolyes, who also mimics the voices in an accurate and kindly way, except for the Queen, who is given a Donald Duck quack.

Townsend's Adrian Mole had his first triumph on radio.

so it was understandable that John Tydemana, Mole's producer, should also want to do this book. However, The Queen and I is nothing like as funny. Such a provocative idea cries out either for bitter mockery or comic extravagance. What we get is the Royal Family learning to cope with tin-openers and queues at the out-patients - and, moreover. coping with enthusiasm or at

least impeccable sang-froid. The Prince of Wales is delighted by what he thinks is the primitive life, the Queen Mother loves her bungalow, and the Queen keeps her dignity through thick and thin. Clearly Sue Townsend is no more a republican than most of us. She gives us sature with nothing challenging about it, and comedy with very low-key laughs.

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# Mysteries cut to the bones

George Hill on how the new DNA tests

have re-opened several ancient cases

and could solve long-standing mysteries

bound to start rising up and telling stories, now that the Romanovs have pointed the way. Whether or not it proves possible to identify the murdered Tsar and his family from the burned and splintered fragments of bone brought from the burial pit at Ekaterinburg to the forensic laboratory at Aldermaston, the discovery has fastened public attention as nothing else could have done on the possibilities of DNA analysis for

resolving mysteries. From ancient Egypt to the Wild West, hitherto unanswerable questions have now become answerable, in principle at least, through the technique of

mitochondrial DNA analysis. It can unmask imposters, confirm the pretensions of disbelieved claimants and can reunite long-separated The technique

has already had important successes. Argentina. children who were left orphans by the murder squads of the former dictator-

away for adoption while still babies, have been identified and reunited with their families by comparison of their DNA with that of their

Earlier this year, German and Israeli authorities accepted that Dr Josef Mengele, the Auschwitz doctor responsible for the deaths of 400,000 Jews, was truly dead, after studying the findings of tests made Professor Alec Jeffreys of Leicester University, and other scientists, on the bones of a man who had drowned in Brazil in 1979. The DNA in the bones was compared with that in samples contributed by Mengele's son.

The same techniques could also provide answers to far older mysteries. The fate of the vanished princes in the Tower of London is one. The story that they were murdered by Richard III has never been univer-

sally accepted. Some writers still believe that one or both of the princes survived. For several years after 1494, Perkin Warbeck claimed to be the younger prince, and thus the rightful king of England. He was captured, retract-

ore dry bones are ed his claim and hanged. Nearly 200 years later, in Charles II's reign, two small skeletons were discovered under a staircase in the Tower. They were buried in Westminster Abbey and still lie in an urn in Henry VII's

> Analysis of the bones in the urn might go some way towards show-ing whether or not the lives of the princes really ended in the Tower. The patterns of DNA - deoxyribonucleic acid, the main constituent of chromosomes - are handed down so consistently from mother to daughter (not from mother to son) that 20 or so generations later there should still be a clear correspondence between the DNA of the

princes and that of a living relative in the female line, if one could be found.

Prising open tombs could solve other ancient puzzles. The murders of Edward II and Richard II in 1327 and 1400 also gave rise to rumours. Bodies alleged to be theirs lie in Gloucester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, but

may identify the Tsar there is contemporary evidence that Edward escaped and wandered incognito through many countries before dying in Lombardy.

Rumours persisted long after Richard's death that his chaplain. Richard Maudelyn, who resembled him closely, had been killed in mistake for him. The king of Scotland, no doubt hoping to foment trouble in England, paid a pension for years to a supposed Richard, and had him buried in 1419 in Black Friar's church. Stirling. Richard's tomb at Westminster was opened in the last century, and his skull was stul into then. Which of the two Richards has the more regal genes?

It is not likely that disturbing any of these bones would add much to serious knowledge. It would be tempting to seek out another skele-- that of the notorious Tichborne claimant, who fascinated London in the 1860s by claiming to be the lost heir of a baronetcy and a large Hampshire estate. After a series of court cases.

he was declared to be the son of a

Wapping butcher. He was jailed for

perjury and died in poverty.

For the remoter past, DNA analysis has great potential in tracing the movement of prehistoric populations, but will rarely be useful in confirming individual relationships, because the physical evidence will be too scanty.

One exception could be ancient Egypt, where light might perhaps be shed on the mysteries surround-ing Akhenaten, the heretic monotheist pharaoh of the 14th century BC. Mummies and locks of hair have been found which probably belonged to several of his close relatives - one of them his son-inlaw, Turankhamun, But no mum my has been convincingly identified as that of Akhnaten. whose reign ended in obscurity.

A mystery of the Wild West may soon yield to DNA testing - what really became of Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid? One of the most memorable

moments in westerns is the ending of the Robert Redford and Paul Newman film about them: the two cornered outlaws, having fled north America with Pinkerton detectives on their trail, are trapped and wounded, somewhere in Bolivia.

Surrounded by overwhelming forces, they choose not to surrender, but defiantly burst out of their hiding place to be caught in a frozen frame an instant before they are mown down by the fire of

hundreds of waiting soldiers.

Even before the film was made, and still more vehemently afterwards, historians disputed the conclusion. With every passing year, a new set of theories, some more, some less credible, has emerged about the fate of America's most famous gutlaws. By the last estimate. Butch and Sundance have times on three continents. Now, more than 80 years after their disappearance, a pile of bones unearthed from a Bolivian graveyard and the most sophisticated techniques available to modern forensic science may be about to show that Hollywood was more or

less right after all. In 1985. Anne Meadows, a freelance writer, and her husband. Dan Buck, set about unravelling the mystery. After six years of research in Chile, Washington, Argentina and Bolivia, they came

across some diplomatic correspondence referring to a shoot-out ween a couple of gringos and the local police in San Vicente, a tiny mining town 4,000 metres up the Andes, rumoured to be the death-place of Butch and Sundance, whose real names were Robert Leroy Parker and Harry

Longbaugh. When Ms Meadows and Mr Buck got to San Vicente they found a 54-year-old man named Friolan Risso who said his father had witnessed the shoot-out as a boy. Senor Risso led them to a spot in his father had indicated the two

ate last year, Ms Buck and Mr Meadows returned to San Vicente graveyard, this time with a scientific team headed by Clive Snow, a forensic anthropologist famed in America for his part in identifying the remains of Mengele as well as the bodies of torture victims in Argentina With permission from the local authorities, they began digging at the spot in the graveyard indicated by Senor Risso. Nine feet down they found the body of one large man, and a little way away the skull of another.

Back in his forensic laboratory at the University of Oklahoma, Dr Snow set to work on the remains. He ascertained that both were caucasians, aged about 40. One had entry and exit holes in the skull from a bullet passing through both temples, while the forehead of the other was smashed, a hole which could have been caused by another bullet fired between the eyes.

The wounds are consistent with gunned and possibly wounded, had entered into a death pact, with Butch shooting Sundance before turning his gun on himself. That coincides with an account given in Bolivian army records.

Computerised reconstructions of the shape of the outlaws heads, taken from photographs, have been . compared with the skulls and are said by the scientists to match up "pretty well", but as Dan Buck frankly admits, there is nothing that definitively proves that the bones taken from San Vicente

graveyard are those of the two

"But there is nothing to suggest that it isn't them either," he says. "and that's the most we could hope for until the DNA tests come through." Dr Snow and his team are carrying out genetic fingerprinting, comparing DNA from the remains with that of other members of the outlaws' families. Given the large number of Parker siblings, finding Butch's relatives was relatively easy, according to Ms Buck, but tracing family for the Sundance Kid required a scramble Longbaugh family tree.

Even if the DNA tests prove positive, since neither outlaw had children, the only way to achieve a certain DNA fingerprint match would be to dig up their parents. whose graves are unknown. A final verdict on the DNA tests is not expected for several months. Even then the scientists will deal only in probabilities. The outlaws' final whereabouts may never be known fo certain. They would probably prefer it to be that way. Additional reporting by Ben Macintyre.



### Joe Joseph's canapés have been more imaginative, his cutlery co-ordinated, since he went on the Lucie Clayton Entertaining course

Etiquette on a plate

certain rules the considerate hostess bears in mind if she wants her guests to break bread with their fellow diners without wanting also to break their heads. Mostly, dining decorum is just common sense.

For instance: while crusted port and Havana cigars are acceptable items for circulation around the dinner table. photographs of your children are not, unless they happen to he criminals with high rewards for recapture hanging But for some women, the thought of having people over sends them dizzy. Rest easy ladies. Lucie Clayton wants to help. The famous finishing school for girls is launching a series of one-day Entertaining courses for the older woman who feels that she lacks the know-how, or maybe just the

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confidence, to ensure her din-

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freedom from blunders and bloomers." By the time she is on her train back to Buxton at the end of the course, the middle-brow attendee

brow lady anxious

should feel able to invite the entire Rotary Club to dinner bloomer or blunder having spent £110 learning how to choose and plan courses and wine, cook the main dish, set the table, pick the right cutlery and giasses and place the guests in the correct order. Even how to weave a stunning flower arr-

Does going to all this fuss still matter? Do Buxton hostesses have sleepless nights if their dinner service doesn't match? Will your friends never speak to you again if you serve them potatoes straight out of the saucepan? Doesn't Buxton have decent restaurants where you can meet friends for a meal

without going to all the bother of spooning the supermarket salmon pate into your own serving bowl and hoping nobody asks for the recipe, which would force you to explain why you always add a pinch of anti-oxidant to all your dishes, just in case?

Lucie Clayton itself is torn about the subject of etiquene. Leslie Kark, who runs the school, has reached the smart conclusion that it's more important to be civil and considand give them the confidence erate than to be able to recite Debrett's, "My own view," he of knowing that even if the



Knack of the napkin: the course gives advice on how to dress a table

says, "is that if you don't know what to do with your finger bowl then it doesn't matter. But some people do worry." So is it cruel to perpetuate the belief that there are rigid rules that an elegant hostess ignores only is she wants to risk social ridicule? Or is it even crueller to deny anxious women a sort of "Emily-Postbest-behaviour" truss that will give them social support when they next do a dinner for eight,

food, it has at least been carved correctly?

main course tastes like dog

Nine middle-brow women who saw advertisements in magazines such as Good Housekeeping turned up at Lucie Clayton's Kensington headquarters for the first Entertaining course. The day began with advice on plan-ning a dinner party. Let's not take the mystery out of the course, but here is a taste of what will bring confident eve-

"Be imaginative in canapés," says the teacher, though if you are thinking of dipping crabsticks in chocolate you may be being too imaginative. You can mix chi-

na "provided you

monising colours", but with cutlery

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mix and match". Flowers have to be schemed in: "It would be hideous to have red flowers with yellow plates." Watch out for allergies, especially to shellfish. One lady seeks advice on coping with a past dinner guest "who was allergic to peas. Even if they were in the same room." Frankly, it is hard to judge whether the full blame here lies

with the hostess or Is it OK, asks the teacher, "to preplate food in the kitchen? All I would say is that this comes down to your style." which must panic all those women who have been serv-

ing dinner for years while sitting on the stylistic fence, pre-plating-wise. "I've got some very personal, strong ideas about napkins. There is a swing away from starched napkins to napkins that are friendlier to use", though a strip of kitchen roll may be too

friendly. Where do you put the napkin? "I think the side plate is the ideal position, if you are in a side plate situation " And. get this, "it's always nice to have a menu". Perhaps it confuses guests into leaving a

tip under the cheese plate? Cookery tips follow from two young chefs, trained by Prue Leith. Katie Rogers and Mark Wogan, Terry's son, prepare melted goat's cheese salad, rolled and stuffed chicken, and chocolate marquise. Very professional, though they do not drop food on the floor or lick their fingers like restau-

rant cooks. Perhaps they are

scared of starting a trend among Buxton hostesses for dunking their fists into sauces to check the seasoning. A woman who demonstrates flower-arranging advises making your arrangement "one-sixth the size of the table and you can't go wrong". A sommelier tells the ladies "if there's only one line of bubbles going up the middle of the

glass, then it's a good champagne. If it bubbles like Coca-Cola, then it's cheap champagne." So now we can tell how miserly our hosts are. "Ginger ale in a champagne glass looks like champagne." You would have thought guests could tell the difference, unless you have been so imaginative with the canapes that you laced them with cannabis. Does all this help soothe furrowed middle-brows? A lady from Croydon says it

does: "I entertain quite a lot. The presentation of the table means a lot. You want to give dinner parties where people want to come back. They mention it to friends and you widen your circle of friends." Was there really a chapter on friendly napkin-folding and china colour-coordination in Dale Carnegie's book How To Win Friends And Influence

People? I missed it.
"From our point of view, it worked very well," Mr Kark says at the end of the course's

inaugural run. They were shy. They weren't very good at asking questions. But that's why they've come. To gain more

social confidence." So what's it to you and me if a bunch of women want to stop making fools of themselves by mixing red flowers

and yellow plates? Only this: if we must have hostessing hints, hostesses should maybe learn a few that will enrich the lives of those dinner guests whose priorities focus on more pressing culinary matters than how to knot napkins. Let's not

forget the following: • Unless entertaining Olympic athletes in training, it is not necessary to provide a meal which satisfies the recommended minimum daily requirements for all known vitamins and minerals. Calories taste much better.

 A hostess who obliges a guest's request for the recipe of her veal supreme is in danger if taking life too seriously. Cooks who seriously believe there are 101 ways with Quorn would do well to re-

member that even Einstein managed only a couple of major theories in his lifetime. While thinking on one's feet is merely dangerous, eating on one's feet is unsightly and is best left to bears and those monkeys that nature has adapted for this purpose. This is why we have tables and

chairs and they do not. The quality of the food should be of paramount importance to the thoughful hostess. If fillet steak costs £10 per lb and pig's knuckles just 20p per lb, then rest assured that the free market is trying to tell you something.

 Diets make suitable dinner conversation only if one is seeking to comment indirectly on the meagre size of the portions served. If you are battling with your figure, keep it to yourself. Chew all your food, just don't swallow.

 Your hostess's decision to start with Thai satay sticks is not sufficient excuse to recount your youthful exploits in Bangkok with the merchant navy. • The knowledge that most healthy adults can subsist without anything but water for i week or more is knowledge best ignored by the hostess who wishes to receive thank-

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# The family secret is out

Should children conceived by donor insemination be told the truth about their birth, at the risk of exposing them to

pain and prejudice? Ann Lloyd reports

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id you look sad like that?" was the question six-year-old Simon asked his Mum when they sat down to read his new book, My Story. The picture Simon was curious about shows a couple sitting close together on a sofa and looking upset. The man's arm is placed tenderly around the woman's shoulders. On the opposite page it says: "Mummy and Daddy tried for a long time to have a baby and they were very sad when no baby began to grow." It goes on to explain, in a way which a four to seven-year-old can understand, how

nation (D1).

The book is written as if the child in the story is the child reading the book. On the last page is an empty pictureframe for the child's own photo-oranh. with the word "Me" graph, with the underneath. Siword

a child is conceived by donor insemi-

mon's photo, taken when he was four, is now in his book. Both Simon and his two-year-old brother, Andrew, were conceived by donor insemination. His mother, Jane Offord, is one of the two authors of the book; the other is Angela Mays, who also has a son conceived by DI, Ben, who is three, and a daughter, Sally, seven

'Simon completely accepted the book," says Mrs book," says Mrs Offord, "There was no big drama.

He just thoroughly enjoyed reading it with me and was thrilled to bits that it was his very own true story." She believes that if you tell children the truth "with love and trust, they will accept it no matter how awful that truth might seem to other people". When Simon went to school he

wanted to take "his book" with him. Mrs Offord and her husband, Neil. allowed him to do so. "We'd already spoken to his teacher," says Mrs Offord, "It's important that if you do decide to tell a child conceived by DI the truth, you then put his teachers and close family and friends in the picture. They need to be prepared so they don't misunderstand or brush aside something he might say."

Mrs Offord and Mrs Mays met at the insemination clinic of the University Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, the Jessop Hospital for Women, Sheffield, which is super-vised by Dr Sheila Cooke. Dr Cooke places much emphasis on counselling at the clinic; information is not only freely given, but support is also offered. She points out that for many couples treatment can be quite

The idea for My Story originated when Dr Cooke visited Mrs Offord in hospital after Andrew's birth and showed her an Australian book aimed at older children conceived by DI. Mrs Offord, who is a primary school teacher, mapped out the first rough outline in 20 minutes, although it was nearly two years before the book was published.

Dr Cooke, who was involved in the book's production from the begin-ning, points out that it emphasises

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"how much Mummy and Daddy loved each other and wanted a baby but could only achieve that with help from someone else".

Although Mrs Offord is good at communicating with children, she was nervous before she and Simon began to read My Story. So she can really appreciate "how difficult it must be for somebody with no experience of children to know where

Both the Offords and the Mays decided before their children were conceived to tell them the truth. "I have a deep-seated belief that people have the right to know the truth about their origins," says Mrs Mays, "I just couldn't contemplate living with secrecy and, anyway, I consider it a poor basis for a loving, trusting relationship with a child." However, the Offords and the

Mays are the exception. Research indicates that between 66 per cent and 85 per cent of parents of children conceived by DI (about UK) do not tell their children. Reasons given include the need to protect the child from being stigmatised; fear of prejudice on the part of relatives and friends; and a desire to keep confidential the hus-band's infertility. which is often, but not, always, the

cause of the problem. "Also." says Mrs Mays, "some parents may decide not to tell because they themselves have not fully come to terms with the reality and the longterm implications of the procedure.

She knows from personal experience that the fear of prejudice is not unfounded. The issue of disclosure has been a difficult one for Mrs Mays and her husband, Andy's, families, who would have preferred the matter to have been kept secret.

Another couple, Peter and Ann [not their real names], have decided not to tell their daughter, Ruth, now aged six, how she was conceived. They have heard of families turning against children conceived by DI and treating them as if they were alien. No way is that going to happen to Rinh," says Peter.

One young woman conceived by DI was urged by her mother to "take 'the secret' to the grave". But can anyone keep a secret for a lifetime? And what if a child finds out by accident and discovers its parents had not been honest?

Mrs Offord, in her work as a teacher, has come across one child. aged six, who was "totally devastated" to find out during a family argument that his Mum and Dad were not, in fact, his parents but his aunt and unde.

And if you opt for secrecy, how do you cope with the anxiety, year in year out, that the child might find out by accident?

In 1981, the sociologist Elizabeth Snowden and her husband, Robert Snowden, professor of family studies at the University of Exeter, interviewed 56 couples who had children. then aged from newborn to four,



In the open: Angela and Andy Mays with Ben and Sally, both conceived "with help from someone else"

conceived by Dl. Eight years later they went back and interviewed 30 of the couples again. "Only two out of the 30 couples had told their children how they were conceived. Many of the others had told friends and relatives and yet were quite certain their children would never find out by accident," says Mrs Snowden.

She feels there is a lot more chance of those children finding out than their parents realise. "Both adults and children can sense invisible barriers. Somehow the communication that something's different is

there even in the silence." Further research by the Snowdens indicates that what Mrs Offord has discovered with Simon is right: that if

children conceived by DI are told in a planned and loving way, they accept

it quite equably.

Recent legislation, in the form of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act, provides that in the future. adults, or 16-year-olds if marriage is contemplated, who believe they were born as a result of in vitro fertilisation or DI will be able to apply to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority to find out whether its register indicates they were born as a result of either of these treatments. If so, and if they are planning to get married, they will also be able to discover whether they are related to

the person they wish to marry. Whatever happens in the future,

both the Offords and the Mays feel strongly that the decision whether or not to tell belongs to the parents and to them alone. "If the book helps parents who might be against telling because they just don't know how to do it, then that's good," says Mrs Offord. "They'll be making a more informed decision. But it is their decision. We made the decision which was right for us. Other parents

My Story (£3.95 including p8p) is ailable from Dr Sheila Cooke, Univer-Sity Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Jessop Hospital for Women. Sheffield S3 7RE (phone 0742 766333, ext 320; fax 0742 752153).

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# Ashes to ashes, privet to privet

never quite got the gist of bio-diversity, but I think it's the very thing can't do. Maintaining ecological balance between different species.

I used to own a handsome collection of houseplants, but when I got a child-substitute kitten it swung from the tradescantia and killed off all the cacti. After seven spoiled years with us, when the first baby arrived, it packed its spotted handkerchief and moved in with a childless couple down the road.

Children, too, as a breed do not cohabit easily with other life forms. Forget the flora; that expires from neglect. You are far too busy watering and potting your offspring to water and repot your succulents. Fauna are a different issue. Child-

I know that keeping pets is supposed to instruct the young in responsibility and affection, give them lessons in life and death. In my experience it teaches them only about the habits of that sub-species, parents. Even-tually your father will feel sorry for the dog and exercise it himself; your mother will be distressed about the murkiness of the fish tank far sooner than you are.

Pet ownership is preceded by passionate interest, weeks of nagging and pleading that your child is the only one in the class. county or cosmos without a pet All right, if I can't have a lion cub or a pony, what about a small Irish wolfhound, say? Alligators are very clean. Jeremy's uncle has got ferrets we could have for almost nothing . . .

When you have been talked down from a python to a guinea pig, you give in. In the honeymoon period that follows, much pocket money is expended on collars, cages, hutches and runs, underwater ornaments and water weed. Ignoring stem warnings from the RSPCA that a pet is for life, you purchase it. You discover that the life in question, devoted to pet care, is going to be your

Not all pets pass away swiftly to the cemetery at the bottom of the garden. Some go on forever, surviving the children's enthusiasm and even their time under your roof. I know several superannuated rabbits whose original owners are nearing the end of their time at medical school, while the mothers are left still serving lettuce and carrot tops.

Nor do pets offer much useful instruction about death. My children listened in wonder to the tale of a hamster belonging to friends. It expired and was buried with due ceremony in a cotton-wool-lined shoe box. The warmth perkled it up no end and it was returned by neighbours two days later having disinterred itself from its shallow



Davina Lloyd

grave and arrived at their back door. Less a lesson in death than an affirmation of resurrection.

inevitably, when our own hamster pegged out, the children could not be con-vinced that this condition of stiff-legged inertia was terminal. The creature lay in state on velvet in a margarine tub on top of the washing machine for days. while they waited for it to stop hibernating. Forbidden to use the machine out of respect, it was a moot point which of us would begin to hum first.

Enough to make you have kittens. And we did. A couple of years ago, I surrendered to the cat call. We approached the Cat Protection League, which advised us to take two, so that they could keep each other com-

The procedure for adopthan that for human fostering. Our premises were inspected: we were introduced to the mother; I had to sign a contract undertaking to have them spayed and neutered respectively.

epressing then. when we have lav-ished love and veterinary care to show our respect for the cats, that they show so little for other creatures. They chase spiders, torment moths and periodically bring in bits of passing pigeon. Two gold-fish that I won accidentally throwing darts at a fair lived happily with us for years. They have just been snacked by two already wellfed felines.

The nearest I have come to establishing ecological harmony is with our stick insect. It teaches the children little of life, its existence being limited to assuming the immobile appearance of a stick. Nor much of reproduction: s/he manages to produce eggs and little twiglets without the assistance of a partner.

It feeds on pieces of rose leaves or hedge, which it closely resembles. At our last home, we used to have to go out after dark to pinch bits of privet from neighbouring gardens. When it finally perishes. I shall continue to feed new pieces of hedge to old pieces of hedge - the last word in bio-uniformity - dust to dust, ashes to ashes, privet to privet.

# Parental rights, and wrongs

The Kingsley "child divorce" in Florida poses some

awkward questions for British parents

♥ hildren", said Oscar Wilde, "begin by loving their parents. After a time they judge them; rarely, if

ever, do they forgive them."
Gregory Kingsley has got through all these stages by the age of 12. His mother, he said, breaks promises". He agreed that he forgave and did not want to hurt her, but when the court in Florida rose, Gregory had made legal history by divorcing his Mom.

He joins his foster family for good, to become Gregory Russ, and after the extraordinary press and television exposure his case received, one can only wish him a decent measure of anonymity in which to

Children's rights campaigners are delighted. Some Republicans regard it as an assault on the family. But how do we British parents feel. watching from our own family firesides an ocean away?

Did we shudder at this evidence of the state's power to divide mother and child? Or did we rejoice at the implication that children should be listened to?

We have, after all, now achieved our own Children's Act, which some say undermines parental rights, and others welcome as a statement that no son or daughter is a chantel. In this country, the term "divorce" is unlikely to occur in the same context as the Kingsley case, but a child can apply for a residence order away from home, and prevent his parents from contacting him. We look at Gregory Kingsley, and his mother, and the Russ family, with mixed and troubled feelings.

The child's face, at the moment he won the case, probably overwhelmed most onlookers with a sense of pure relief. At times, Gregory had appeared depressingly prig-gish and unchildlike in the witness box, but just then, his tearful joy made him look ten years younger, a lost infant sighting his parents across a threatening landscape.

He is clearly best off where he is. But there were disquieting class undertones to the case, a sense of tidy people in suits siding with other tidy people in suits.

Gregory, not to put too fine a point on it, looked distinctly preppy after his year in the kind, affluent family of the lawyer George Russ. There he was in his little collar and tie. And there was his mother, a single parent, big and warm and chaotic and broke.

Evidence mounted against her, as it always those against does who live near the edge: she has a lover with a criminal record who allegedly beats her. she is said to have drunk heavily and used drugs (Gregory remembered marijuana on the hall table).

She admitted to long periods of not coping and depending on handours from friends, and to leaving her children alone at night. Gregory was shunted into care, rarely visit-

ed, and in effect abandoned The Russ family, on the other hand, is a stable, affluent twoparent household, able to help Gregory to fight his corner and hire a lawyer. They were always pretty likely to win.

Might not this scenario strike fear into any single parent forced to give up a child for a short time and seeing it fostered into an assertive and well-organised middle-class family? Or indeed, to a parent of rebellious teenagers who seemed to prefer spending their holidays, as so many do. at a friend's house? Suppose the other family actually offered your child a home?

nd suppose your child A got up in court and said: "Look, my parents have always preferred my sister, they packed me off to boarding school, which I hate, they never turn up for exeats. What if the alternative home

offered less discipline and more wealth? Or was devoted to some proselytising sect? I have known parents of a 15-year-old who were driven wild with worry at her infatuation with a family of Scientologists: suppose that child had the right to "divorce" her family and opt for

Older children, after all, are programmed to experiment and explore: it is easy to imagine a court, composed of people who did not think much of your politics or



Sweet sorrow: 12-year-old Gregory Kingsley wipes away a tear during his court case

hippyish clothes or whatever, backing up their rebellion. Paranoid fancies perhaps; but they raise the spectre of an unthinkable loss, a bond forged in pregnancy and

babyhood being broken by a

cold judiciary. On the other hand, the suffering of children at the hands of some parents has always been very great who would not want to see David Copperfield legally divorcing Mr Murdstone, or any of the poor murdered infants of our

own time briskly removed from their hopeless or supine mothers?

ley case should be just a salutary reminder that there are limits on parental rights: that the less-favoured child. the awkward one, the one who gets on your new boyfriend or girlfriend's nerves and does not get visited as much at boarding school, is not a possession to be taken for granted or a problem which can be left until you feel up to

it. As Fay Weldon crisply put it in her novel Darcy's Utopia, it is not relevant when bad parents say - as they always Perhaps the Gregory Kingsdo - that they love their

babies. What is more relevant is "whether they are worthy of a baby's love". Rachel Kingsley was not. and her son was her judge. All our sons and daughters will be, one day. It just happened that Gregory had his say six years earlier than most.

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### **AND BRIEFLY**

# **Playgirl** in pink

THE fuchsia-pink Jaguar convertible which was parked in front of the Savoy last week looked like the ideal car for the Princess of Wales, now that she's given up her Mercedes. But it had been designed for a long-legged blonde who is more internationally popular than the princess, and probably worth even more money: the Barbie doll.

Barbie's Jaguar is available for around £23 from toyshops around the country, one of many new developments the toy company, Mattel, was showing at the hotel.

Barbie also has a mobile or "magic" - telephone which really talks (around £12, as part of a telephone table), 'roller blade" skates (around £10.50), and her own hair styling gel, which comes with "Ultra Hair Barbie", whose

tresses go down to her toes. Whatever recessionary terrors strike toytown. Barbie, who is slightly older than the Princess of Wales, looks in no danger of toppling from her pedestal as one of the highest - if not the highest - earning playgirls of the Western world.

### Blast off

BLAST? is a new, free newsletter for young asthmatics from the National Asthma Campaign. Sent to all secondary schools and available to individuals, the second issue includes a report on activity holidays for teenagers with asthma, a look at how the actor, Roger Lloyd Pack, came to terms with his asthma, and

the story of how Philip Schofield helped a 14-year-old fan through an attack. And some old wives' tales about asthma like the one about exercise being bad for asthmatics, are debunked. For a copy write to: Blast!, Communications Department, National Asthma Campaign, Providence House, Providence Place, London N1 ONT.

### Child's play

THE second, revised, edition of the Postnatal Exercise Book, by obstetric physiotherapists Margie Polden and Bar-bara Whiteford, is published on Thursday by Frances Lincoln. The £7.95 paperback, with photographs by Sandra Lousada, has been endorsed by a number of childbirth experts, including Sheila Kitzinger.

It concentrates on the sixweek period immediately after the birth, suggesting gentle but essential exercises which can be done, even in bed. It also shows how to exercise with your baby.

### Inimitable

"ADULT Imitation" toys, as they are known, now take up two pages in the latest Argos catalogue, testifying to the growing sophistication of this type of plaything.

Notable additions are a mini microwave oven (£19.99) by Berchet, complete with rotating turntable, an almost life-sized "Telefax" centre by Petite (with a "motorised push button paper feed", £14.75) and a miniature check-out till complete with state-of-the-art electronic scanner from Fisher Price (£21.99).

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Factual programming could soon lose its peak-time position on ITV.

Roger Graef says advertisers and viewers will be up in arms about it

cus Plantin of Lon-Weekend Television as ITV's network scheduler will end the state of suspended animation that has blighted the independent sector. But he must be careful how he deals with the row that has been going on all summer about the threat to marginalise current affairs on ITV.

Mr Plantin's handling of current affairs will be a crucial indication of the kind of programming likely to appear on ITV in the coming years: he, like Paul Jackson, director of programmes at Carlton, is an entertainment man.

Although Mr Jackson is a distinguished producer of innovative comedy for cult viewers on BBC2 and Channel 4. he seems to have gone native in his new job in pursuit of

Earlier this year, he served notice on the industry — and viewers - with his warning that World In Action and This Week would have to pull at least eight million viewers in order to stay in prime time. When Andrew Quinn became ITV chief executive, he reinforced that view.

Their position, not unexpectedly, has been widely criticised by current affairs programme-makers and their admirers, who see this as exactly the deterioration in quality television they expected. Moreover, they point to the growth of audiences for both WIA and This Week to the point where the former drew more than ten million three times last year, while This Week averages seven million. Even by the Jackson-Quinn criteria, these are serious players in the ratings game.

Both Ray Fitzwalter, editor of WIA and Paul Woolwich, editor of This Week, argue that ITV is narrowing its prime time output dangerously, and should be able to take risks with what amounts to 4 per cent of its air time. Jackson's

his week's expected reply (at the Edinburgh tele-appointment of Mar-vision festival) was revealing: he warned that ITV profit margins are likely to be so close that 4 per cent could make all the difference.

> But in its panic about its future survival, 1TV may be in danger of doing exactly the wrong thing in devaluing current affairs and documentaries. "The only people I hear talk about millions of viewers are programme makers," says Brian Jacobs of Leo Burnett, the advertising agency. "Advertisers never do." Advertisers are far more concerned with the quality and composition of the audience than with its size.

John Perriss, whose clients

include the food giants Kraft and Mars, feels that a shrewd advertiser is more likely to use Channel 4 as its main investment — now that 84 per cent of viewers watch it at some time or another in the week some slots on breakfast television, and BSkyB, whose five "themed" channels offer target audiences and whose share is creeping up. They would only turn to ITV to top up the package in those regions where a boost is needed.

This is significantly bad news for ITV, whose financial prospects in coming years remain worrying. But their answer - to replace peak-time current affairs and documentaries with more "popular"



Hard news: American mafia boss John Gotti (left) caught in the This Week spotlight

This is the second and still own best interests. Messrs Perriss and Jacobs argue that only by offering a rich and more basic weakness of the Quinn-Jackson thesis. Audiences like factual varied menu of programming grammes. Analysis of the Barb - at prime time - can they expect to offer serious competifigures (see table below) for the different genres of pro-grammes on ITV — and on tion to Channel 4 and BSkyB. Currently the mid-break slot of News at Ten is among the other channels - show a most valued on television, not strong preference for and appreciation of factual programmes. Their combined because of the size of the audience, but because of the high number of ABC1 viewshare of viewing outstrips even ers. Pushing the news and current affairs to later in the evening would weaken this strength and, on current per-

formance, no film or drama is

as certain to offer comparable

numbers of high-quality view-

ers, even if the total viewership

the demand for soaps. Across all channels, their share of ABC1 viewers is also higher, although ITV's audiences remain skewed by older and downmarket viewers, a problem they will not solve by simply "popularising" their peak-time schedule.

Factual programming includes far more than current affairs and documentaries. The hugely popular "infotainment" shows, such as the BBC's 999 and Crimewatch draw on cinema verité and current affairs techniques. It also delivers its audiences far more cheaply than drama, or most light entertainment. For example, 999 draws ten million viewers. Crimewatch has even higher ratings, and has been joined by Crime Month-

ut offering entertainment packaged as information or vice versa is not enough to satisfy viewers or advertisers. If television's new age is to give viewers what they want, attention must be paid to the evidence from Professor Andrew Ehrenburg of the London Business School that at least a third of the television audience chooses to watch 'difficult" material.

And it is this act of choice for individual programmes that will be the viewing pattern of the future. Branding ITV as a channel of safe, popular entertainment will not in itself guarantee viewers.

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Glenwyn Benson, editor of Panorama, fears the end to competition that ITV's action might bring

t the Edinburgh television festival, Michael Grade said that the BBC keeps us all honest. But in the history of British current affairs television, it was the stiff competition from ITV's World in Action, This Week and Weekend World that kept Panorama honest.

Now, with the demise of prime time current affairs seemingly imminent on ITV. Panorama is likely to be the only such show on a general channel, scheduled at a time when a broad swath of the population is watching tele-vision. Bereft of direct competition, Panorama will face the same danger as any protected body: how does it keep itself beholden to the viewer, and avoid sliding into a comfortable existence driven by its own producer interests?

Britain's current affairs television achieved its worldwide reputation through special conditions, when the Reithian philosophy of the BBC buttressing low audience but worthy shows such as Panorama with popular ones — was mirrored by an ITV bound by stronger public service obligations than it is now. ITV's innovation and challenge meant Panorama had to work hard to keep up, and viewers won out in a choice of excellence on both channels.

The pressure to chase ratings in ITV has already taken its toll, epitomised on the day after the French referendum Maastricht. Panorama tackled the implications of the result, while World in Action had a programme about David Sullivan, owner of the Sunday Sport.

But the attempts to attract more viewers have been to no avail: in a recent article in the Guardian, Paul Jackson, Carlton's director of programmes, made it clear that ITV can no longer tolerate a situation where the audience built up by The Bill is reduced by 50 per cent by the arrival of This Week at 8.30pm. To ITV the hours of 6.30pm to 10.30pm are strictly about ratings. The expectation is that

anyone who wants to watch current affairs on ITV will have to wait until 10.40pm. By contrast, the commit-

ment to keep Panorama in its prime-time slot has become almost a definition of the BBC's philosophy of "distinctiveness": the Big Idea that replace Reithianism. Before we see the full text of the BBC's response to the long-awaited green paper on its future, no one quite knows what distinctive means in programming terms, but in news and current affairs it has already arrived. The BBC already invests far more in the news than ITN does, editorially it deliberately pitches all its journalism upmarket of ITV, and it has promised to keep Panorama nailed to the mast of prime time. It is my view that the BBC could underscore its distinctiveness by adding new

ITV's innovation

its prime-time schedule.

and different current affairs to

But comfortable though this

and challenge meant that Panorama had to work hard to keep up

may be for those who work on Panorama, how are we to be kept as honest as we were by JTV? It is a question of interest to the viewers who will soon inhabit a world of subscription and multi-channel television where the BBC, according to the recent leak in Broadcast magazine, does not think it can hold on to more than 30 per cent of the audience overall, and yet will be asking all viewers to pay a licence to support it.

Ironically, the possibility emerges that new competition could emerge for sound commercial reasons. Outside prime time, serious current affairs can perform a useful function for advertisers. In the

late evening, the audience has a high concentration of ABs. who are prepared to watch serious stuff before going to bed. The audience for Panorama. at 9.30pm. contains a much higher percentage of ABs than World in Action. at Spm, or This Week.

But if their main attraction to advertisers was the AB nature of the audience. ITV's current affairs shows need not fight shy of, for example, the row over Europe in favour of Mr Sullivan. And if they decided to return to the old benchmark of quality. Panorama would be forced to show that the quality it laid claim to was truly distinctive: its journalism would have to be more definitive and its presentation more accessible than that of its rivals.

One of the most frequent charges aimed at Panorama is that it pulls its punches, that it has been "tamed". However many times this is refuted by the BBC, by quoting examples of hard-hitting shows such as the recent Panorama on alleged British army involvement in UDA death squads. the charge is repeated and public concern builds up. How can consumers be reassured?

The BBC says it intends to reform its accountability, by codifying the responsibility and role of the board of management and the governors, and enabling the governors to monitor whether programmes are fulfilling their editorial purpose. But other voices in the green paper debate say the public can only be guaranteed independent judgment through a completely arm's-length regulator, closer to the model of Oftel, which would be able to investigate charges such as "taming".

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# **FOCUS** FRESHERS WEEK

As the polytechnics become accustomed to their new status, John O'Leary forecasts new pressures in the academic world

he class of 92 will be pioneers in a brave new world of higher education. The university system has altered beyoud recognition since this year's intake applied for

Times have been changing in higher education for a number of years, and students have filled campuses as never before. The polytechnics led the way, competing with one another for growth and finally drawing the universities into

Now that the polytechnics have been given the reward of university status, hierarchies are being redrawn. Teaching methods are being updated and improved to cater for the extra students, course structures are changing and old certainties about university life are disappearing.

On many, perhaps most, campuses the student experience of the 1990s bears little resemblance to that of previous decades. Lectures are often crowded, seminars are larger and individual tutorials are rare. The personal touch, which has always characterised British university life, is being sacrificed to the pressing need to give more people higher education. John Patten, the education

secretary, acknowledged the dangers in a speech at the

# What price further education?

University this summer, but insisted that Britain is still "light years away" from the impersonal style of Continental universities. Overseas students still marvel, he said, at the amount of contact they have with professors and se-nior staff when they take British courses.

Lecturers' and students' unions have yet to be con-vinced, but they recognise that the changes are permanent. The era of high-technology teaching and crowded time-table is upon them. tables is upon them. Nor are the changes all bad

news. As well as offering more people the chance of higher education, the expansion has focused much-needed attention on teaching methods and encouraged more variety in

the range of courses on offer.

Degree classifications have actually risen, to the point at which Nigel Forman, the higher education minister, felt moved to warn polytechnic directors, at their final conference in Edinburgh this month, to beware the sort of controversy that has engulfed schools.

higher education



Studying the form: computer sciences at the new University of Westminster, which was formerly a polytechnic

world would be very short-sighted", he said, "if it did not look across at the public debate on GCSEs and A levels, and see the warning of what can happen if doubts arise about educational standards. Indeed, in some respects the higher education world is

criticism, since the available data suggests both a dramatic rise in student numbers and rising proportions of first-class and upper second-class

and old, are collaborating in a new system of quality assurparticularly at risk from such ance to calm such fears. The

new funding councils, which will allocate higher education budgets, are also monitoring the quality of courses, with the aid of people who have trans-ferred from Her Majesty's Inspectorate. Although the independent scrutiny of the inspectors and the Council for National Academic Awards

will be lost, the traditional universities will never have

experienced such attention. The new scrutineers will have a wide brief, because the expansion of the university system has brought with it new kinds of course. Not only have distance education and parttime courses increased greatly,

real terms for teaching. Keele, at the other extreme, had its teaching budget increased by a third, but was given only 2.5 per cent more for research. Mr Forman, in his Edin

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degrees. Seven of the new

universities have even been

licensed by the Business and

Technology Education Coun-

cil to run their own sub-degree programmes without having

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university system. Any notion

that universities would all be

equal once the old distinctions

had been abolished could not

be more wrong. Some of the

old universities are facing the loss of their treasured research

role, and several former poly-technics are hoping to estab-lish themselves high up in the

pecking order of primarily

The beginnings of this shift

were seen in this year's fund-ing allocations for universities.

In a deliberate attempt to steer

teaching institutions.

actly what the government is seeking, by encouraging greater diversity in the revamped

to seek national approval.

burgh speech, spelt out the specialisation message once more. "I am not saying that there should be no competition at all between universities," he said. "That would not be a healthy market for students. What I am suggesting is that there is little to be gained by institutions trying to com-

pete in everything." But there can be no certainty about the pay disputes that are looming throughout higher education. Clerical workers in the new universities and lecturers in both kinds of institution are threatening action over deadlocked pay claims. The class of '92 may have an early introduction to the prac-

relations. There may be trouble ahead, too, in student unions, if the government carries out its policy of making membership voluntary. Proposals are due before the end of the academic year, and the threat to both the national and local unions is such that stern resistance must be a certainty.

institutions towards their Life in the new higher education world is going to be different, but it should not strengths. Oxford and Cambridge were given almost 20 per cent more money for research, but received less in

# **Managing time** is a key skill



Hats off to high fashion at Westminster University

There are many conflicting demands on an undergraduate's time. Hobbies, societies, socialising - and for those in self-catering accommodation, shopping and cooking - all compete with academic work. Becoming a student offers the greatest opportunity to make new friends, and they are around 24 hours a day. All this comes as students become responsible for planning their time themselves, in most cases for

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the first time. Life suddenly changes. Students are responsible for their own learning, and can take a considerable time to adjust

when they find that nobody is chasing them for absence or work not delivered. In some estab-

lishments, arts lectures are almost entirely voluntary. Some only three or four

students work too much as too little

As many

Seminars and tutorials, on the other hand, are compulsory, and many students underestimate the time needed to read and prepare for discussion of topics in small groups. Science students, by con-

trast, may feel overwhelmed by a heavy timetable of lectures and practical classes, and suf-fer different pressures. Time management comes more easily to some than

others. Many students find difficulty in coming to terms with new study methods. Many are embarrassed to ask lecturers for help. To counter this problem, some institutions run classes in study skills. Anne Wyatt, the study skills

counsellor at Exeter University, offers personal ruition. "I do not believe in groups." Mrs Wyatt says. "Each student has individual problems." She stresses that the majority make the adjustment, but that for those who do not even a few sessions can be beneficial.

In addition to skills helping students to see where an essay has gone wrong, for instance, or how to take notes - she deals with time management itself: "I can help

them to arrive at an effective balance between work and leisure. They have to sort out the demands of a course realistically, and learn that when a lecturer says, 'You might like to follow this up', that does not mean 'Read every book on the list. I see as many students who are working too hard as

are doing too little Everybody needs to relax. One way of spending leisure time is in student clubs and societies, which are often subsidised by the students' union, and have annual subscriptions of £3 to £5. Most institutions offer freshers a good variety,

ranging from sporting to polit ical, from religious to creative. Sheffield University lists more than 150. Sussex has a Green Society, paragliding, women's soccer and cognetics. Societies can

be time-consuming, however, and many students advise neophytes not to succumb to too many repre sentatives at the freshers' fair. It is preferable to sign up for one or two only, as it is always possible to join others later.

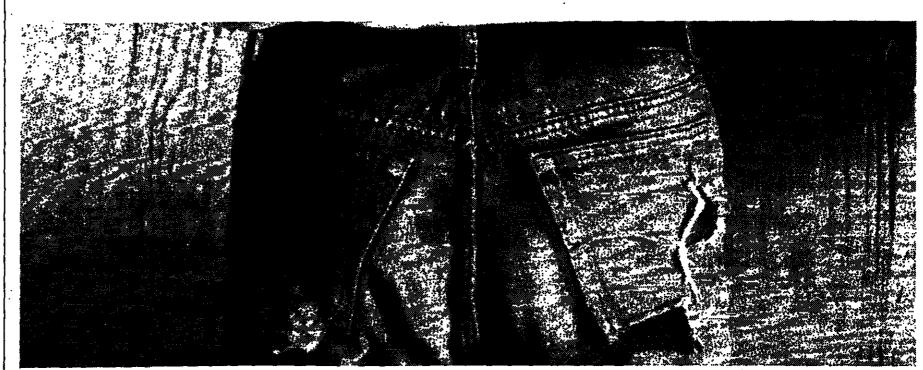
Societies and clubs can have hidden benefits. Eric Whittington, the careers adviser at the City of London Polytechnic, soon to have the title of university, points out that membership of one or two can be a help when compiling a

CV in the final year. Any student whose career ideas lean towards the media can, for instance, gain valuable experience by working on the campus radio or magazine. I often say to would be journalists. What experience have you had?', and they look at me blankly. If the college does not have such things, why

not try hospital radio? "It is not just writing or onair experience that can be useful. Selling advertising space for the union handbook or making contact with outside organisations can help you convince a future employer of your potential."

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# **Bank on having** to borrow

Even the most prudent student will find the grant is not enough

The four main sources of income for most students are grants, partearnings, loans and parental contributions, Beryl Dixon writes. Assuming that parents pay their share in full - and the National Union of Students estimates that about 30 per cent do not - the average income would be about £3,000 a year. Even with efficient budgeting, most are unable to live on that sum, unless it is to cover term-time expenditure only and parents supply food and accommodation during vacations.

Grants are means-tested, and the rates - £2,845 for students living and studying in London, £2,265 outside the capital and £1.795 for those living in the parental home --scale calculated on the joint parental income. The amount by which the grant is

the "parental contribution". Student Grants do not increase annualloans are ly. They have renot subject since 1990, the year in which the student loan to a means scheme was introduced. On the other hand.

reduced forms

the total that mav be rowed under the student loan scheme is reviewed annually. and loans are not subject to a

The maximum amount for a full year in London is £830 Outside London, the figures are £715 and £525 respectively, and for students living at home £570 and £415. The final-year rate is lower as it excludes that year's summer

Students sign a contract with the Student Loans Company, which arranges for application forms to be issued at their places of study. Repayment is deferred until the April after graduation, and is then made in monthly instalments over a maximum of five ars, or seven it the course Interest is calculated every year, using the retail price index. The rate for the year beginning this September is account?

3.9 per cent. However, anyone whose income is less than 85 per cent of national average

for a year at a time. On average, students end their courses £1,000 in debt, so some form of borrowing is

It is equally important to get to know one's bank manager or, in most cases, student adviser. All the banks offer students free overdraft facilities up to a certain figure. After that, even preferential rates for agreed overdrafts may be between 11 and 16

All the banks and some building societies are out to woo students. They are, after all, potential customers for life. Most of them offer free overdraft facilities of £300-£400 for the whole course, but this must be checked, as one or two offer it only during the first year. Some

offer credit cards with no annual charge, but the National Union of Students says these are much less popular with students now than during the

consumer boom. Then comes a range of enticements to open an account, which

differ from bank to bank. This year's include reduced-price driving lessons, free rail cards and £20 in cash and vouchers to be spent in selected shops. They are worth having but not at the expense of better services. Students should check overdraft limits, the nearness of branches, including post offices, and the availability of cash dispensers, before falling for a one-off £20 gift.

The initial reluctance to take out student loans seems to have decreased. The loans company says 260,000 students applied last year. Many did so towards the end of the

Only one application may be made each year, and the closing date is July 31. This rear's treshers should app lasted for five years or more. earlier in the year and let the money earn interest. Why not take advantage of a sum that could be sitting in a savings

Beryl Dixon offers those about to go to college some tips for financial survival on a slim budget

# No need to starve if you watch the pennies

tudents must learn to budget if they want to are plenty of horror stories about those who blew the entire term's grant cheque

'First, it is important to assess how much is required for survival, and only then consider what remains for extras. It is also worth noting that the first term is likely to be the most expensive, with books and subscriptions to pay. But the summer term can also be expensive for those who have to pay rent through the long holiday break.

Students soon learn to economise by buying second-hand books and clothes, making use of student discounts and subsidies, and attending student-organised discos and other entertainments. And they soon pick up ideas for making savings which they pass on to others.

Andrew Clarke, a recent graduate of Bristol University. offers the following tips:

Take a bike. He saved two 40p journeys a day by cycling

three miles each way. • Get a student rail or coach card at the beginning of term. when there are often special

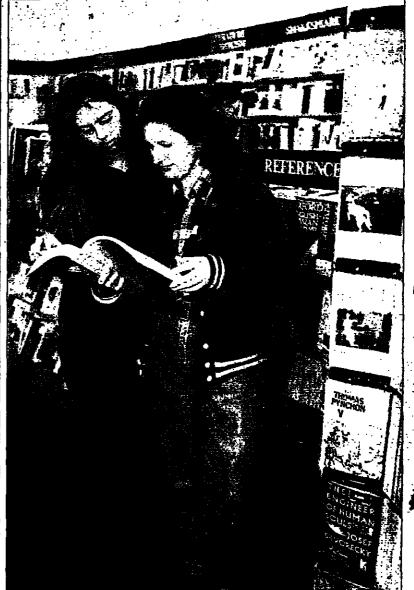
 Find shops offering student discounts. Your union can give you a list, and they range from food shops to clothes shops and hairdressers. Avoid refectories. You can

make a much cheaper packed Drink at the union bar. It is about 30 per cent cheaper. Buy food and housekeeping

essentials in bulk. Mr Clarke says that he and the friends sharing a house with him in their final year could have economised further by cooking together, but chose not to do so. However, they did club together to buy a washing-machine, saving on frequent launderette bills. Further savings were made by turning on the heating and hot water only

Margaret Winnett, the mother of two student sons, offers the following advice to parents: "It was reassuring for





Bargains for both work and leisure: many campuses have their own bars and bookshops (such as this at Queen Mary and Westfield College)

us to be able to pay our eldest son's hall bill directly for food and accommodation. He had a bed to sleep on and food to eat from Monday to Friday. Money mismanagement inevitably meant he starved at

She adds: "Give them a phonecards and stamped, addressed envelopes, in the hope that they might use them. Our requests to phone home, though, had less success than those to ET."

One essential item in any student's budget must be insurance. The best advice is to leave very expensive items at home, but even so, students are bound to take possessions of considerable value with them, and these need to be

Policy costs vary according to the area and type of accommodation. Companies assess risk using postcodes. Unfortunately, students in flats and houses often live in high-risk areas, where rates are higher.

Students are advised to shop around for the best insurance quotation, but they will find that several companies have actually pulled out of the student market because of

heavy losses. Most students are insured with Endsleigh Insurance Services, which arranges private accommodation cover for £33 to £99, depending on the area. £26 for those living in hall anywhere in the country, or much less if students are at institutions which arrange block policies. The London School of Economics, for example, adds £10 to its hall fees

### Students soon learn to economise by buying second-hand books and clothes and making use of student discounts

matically through an Endsleigh block policy. All policies should be checked to see whether they include bicycles and other high-value items.

This is how three students managed last year. Figures are for term-time expenditures

Helen Gumn, a first-year student at University College, Aberystwyth, had a total income, including her grant, her parents' contribution and her part-time earnings, of £2.600. She had expenditure of £1,200 on accommodation in college, where no meals were provided; £700 on food; and £120 on books. She had three return journeys between home and university, which cost her £90. but did not need to spend anything on daily travel to and

cost £25, while she spent £200 on entertainment and miscellaneous outlays, and £100 on clothes. Her total expenditure was £2,435.

Andrew Clarke was in his third year last year at Bristol University. His total income, which came from the same three sources as Miss Gumn's, was £4,025. He spent £1,430 on renting a room in a shared house for 52 weeks; £1,000 on food and housekeeping; £240 on electricity, the telephone and water, and £20 on books. He, too, had three return journeys between home and university, which cost £30. and spent nothing on daily travel. Social travel came to £50, entertainment and miscellaneous outlays to £900, and clothes £200. His total expen-

Polly Mason was a secondyear student at Bretton Hall College, Wakefield. She had a total income of £2,874, again from the same three sources. She spent £864 on rent, and £132 on additional rent as a retainer for the summer vacation. Gas, electricity and the enhane took £200: food £600; and books £50. She spent £340 on petrol, £344 on car tax, insurance and an MOT test. Entertainment and miscellaneous outlays came to £280, and clothes cost £10. Her total expenditure was £2,820.

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It is immediately apparent that a student has more chance of keeping his or her head above water financially if no return daily journeys are necessary between accommo-dation and college. Furthermore, none of the three was living in London, where costs

Miss Mason, whose terms lasted 34 weeks in all, rather than the usual 30, says: "I am surprised at how well I've managed to survive financial ly, but I thank my lucky stars that the cost of living is so low in Wakefield."

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# Eat cheaply but eat well

Learning to cook even simple

meals is a vital skill when

money is tight

eaith education has made young people more aware of what constitutes a healthy diet than the older generation, Beryl Dixon writes. However, faced with limited resources and frequently giving food a low priority, they are liable to fall into the trap of surviving on a mixture of junk and fast food unless they can cook.

Students are not going to go in for elaborate and timeconsuming recipes. Nor will they have vast amounts of cooking equipment Storage space may be at a premium, and they may be fighting for their turn to use communal cookers. What they need, therefore, is some simple knowledge of cookery and a selection of nutritious recipes that can be prepared with the minimum of fuss.

Meals can be prepared quickly, and although it is often cheaper to use fresh ingredients, tins and packets should not be despised. Anyone with two saucepans and a can-opener can rustle up a nutritious meal from a tin of tuna, canned tomatoes, herbs and pasta in 15 minutes.

Pasta and rice are two cheap, filling student standbys which can accompany a vari-ety of meals of differing degrees of sophistication. So can

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Kitchen wisdom: Polly (left) and Tamsin Mason seek out end-of-day bargains

jacket potatoes, if time permits towards the end of the day or the hall kitchen has a microwave. Many students say that their best going-away present was an electric sandwich-maker, which provides a filling snack in minutes.

Many house-sharing students cook together, which means that they can take full advantage of bulk buying. Tamsin Mason, a third-year student at King Alfred College, shares a house in Winchester, where living expenses are quite high. She and her friends have their own ways of making ends meet. They make bulk purchases of supermarkets' own-brand goods and buy fresh produce as often as possible, having learnt to

patronise the open-air market

when traders reduce prices sharply. Moreover, Miss Mason is a vegetarian, and maintains that this helps. "You can cook a cheap veggie chilli in 15 minutes." she says.

Students who already know how to cook have a head start. Some are lucky enough to have learnt at home or to have attended - a - school - which taught them — such as Marling Boys' School in Stroud, where sixth-formers may sign up for an optional course in cookery taught by Olivia Watson, a science teach er. "We start with basics such as cooking methods and buying ingredients," she says, "then do simple recipes, mov-

ing on to main dishes. I aim to

teach them to cook a decent meal at half the cost of buying one, and to be able to prepare food in even the most cramped

Is it too late for all that? There are two excellent books which could make good Christmas presents. A generation learned to cook in the 1960s from Katharine Whitehorn's Gooking in a Bedsitter (still available Perguin, £4.99). More recent on the scene is Grub on a Grant by Cas Clarke (Headline Publishing, also £4.99). Neither assumes any previous knowledge. Both contain quick healthy and cheap recipes. plus lists of essential storecupboard ingredients and nec-essary utensils.



# Views beyond the ivory tower

ight fit young men lean over their oars in their sleek craft, psyching themselves up as the sun glistens on the gently rippling water separating them from the rival craft. The diminutive cox calls them to order. The gun fires and they're off, speeding away from the start urged on by crowds in carnival mood lin-

ing the banks. Barcelona Olympics? Hen-ley Regatta? No. Salford. That "dirty old town" in the north, where the Northern University Boat Race between Saliord and Manchester, sponsored by leading local companies, takes place each year on the River Irwell - which was once heavily polluted but has long since been cleaned up by local

and river authorities. Back on the university carnpus, groups of people are standing around a windswept car park wearing multi-coloured plastic ribbons tied around their arms and performing strange manoeuvres with a plastic bucket, some planks and a piece of rope.

They are hospital workers, and they are learning how to improve the profitability of their organisation. The bucket and plank operations — involving several different tasks - are a means of improving teamwork, explains the course New students should not forget to explore the region beyond the campus, writes Colin Colebrook

consultant, Ernest Taylor, who also conducts more conventional lectures on the subject. While the health workers

are untangling their rope from the bucket, students are preparing their community effort: teaching English to local Asians and direct aid in practical projects for people in need.

These are just some of the many ways in which town and gown are co-operating up and down the country, to their mutual benefit. Universities, polytechnics

and colleges have always enjoyed something of a love/hate relationship with the towns that are their hosts. Many of the older redbrick city universities were the product of civic pride and dignity, established by local corporations and industrialists to enhance the status and image of their regions, as well as to provide educated young people for local businesses, professions and industries.

From that state of grace and love, the relationship sank to perhaps its lowest point in the 1950s and 1960s - decades marked by demonstrations, protests and the emergence of drugs and free love. Now the

relationship is settling down to something that is neither hate nor love, but a good working partnership encouraged by the growing interplay between colleges and business. This means that students can gain from the best elements of their surrounding community, and the community in turn reaps the benefit of a range of educational, research, artistic and community activities.

tudents are, of course, most concerned with what they can get out of the area they are studying in and how they will be received there, and of course this is as varied as the many colleges and universities around the country.

As I work in Salford, live in

Manchester and went to university in Leeds, I am naturally inclined to believe the warmest personal reception from local people is to be found by students in the north of England, but no doubt others would make similar claims for their own regions.

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just four miles from the National Watersports Centre. Climbers there can head for Snowdonia National Park. the open countryside. Students Freshers at Leeds may prenow starting at big city universities and colleges can enjoy

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the bright lights and sophisti-

cated attractions on offer. In Manchester and Salford, rav-

ers can head for the Hacienda

nightclub after buying their gear in Affleck's Palace or

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Country locations do not

offer the bright lights, but

mostly provide far more in the

way of sport on the doorstep. Essex University, near Col-chester, for example, has some

40 acres dedicated to the

activities of its 40 sports clubs

on its Wivenhoe Park campus.

Location played a great part in the university career of

Michael Shaw, a windsurfing

enthusiast who chose Ply-

mouth for his maritime busi-

ness studies. Not only did he

end up with an honours de-

gree, but the university, set in

the old maritime city, spon-

sored him to compete in the World Speedsailing Cham-pionships in Spain, the Canar-

ies and the south of France.

Watersports enthusiasts are

also well catered for at Bangor,

where the University College

Eastern Bloc.

fer to go down rather than up. as the Yorkshire Dales and their challenging potholes are just a short journey away. Cultural and musical activi-

ties provide a focus for town and gown relations, with many universities and colleges staging top-level concerts and recitals open to members of the local community as well as to staff and students.

Rag weeks provide not only a chance for students to party and let off steam in a variety of zany and colourful ways, but cash for local charities, and many journalists have cut their teeth on rag mags, as well as

student papers.

At Salford, the town-gown relationship is best epitomised when staff, students and locals ness Tavern pub, which is run by a student union company and partly staffed by students. but open to the public. Whether in sports, the arts,

community care and education, or just having a good time, the town and gown relationship is in a healthy state, and offers rich rewards to seek the best of both worlds.



Off campus: students from University College, Salford, making music in a local club



Dr Michael Burton: counselling starts with self-help

# Help is at hand if you need it

Starting out at university is a chance to find yourself and make friends

of themselves in a new environment is the biggest transition they have had to make. Beryl Dixon writes. It would be pessimistic to assume that all freshers will experience difficulties, but every year many do encounter problems

settling in. Some need no more help than that available from friends. Chats over coffee, discovering that other people also feel slightly insecure, can do wonders for one's morale. Others need more professional assistance, and fortunately it is available, free of charge and in complete confidence, at most

Next week's freshers may scoff, but by far the most common complaint is homesickness. "It is the most common reason given for visiting our counsellors," says Sean Figgis, of Humberside University. Dr Michael Burton, the head of Sussex University's counselling service, says: "We make a point in our introductory talks of emphasising just

how disabling homesickness can be." Homesickness usually wears off with time, and there are some simple tips that

students can bear in mind to help to alleviate it. Take photographs of family and friends with you, and other things that remind you of home," says Tarnsin Ma-son, a third-year drama stu-dent. "I took lots of posters for

the wall. I also had a nice,

cheerful bedspread for my birthday. One year I used it as a bedspread: another time it brightened up a dull wall." After homesickness, finance is the main worry, according to Mr Figgis. "Money worries are on the increase. Often the problem is not as bad as the student thinks. We operate a revenue advice service where staff can often find a solution by pointing students towards advice on funding. Next come

tion, which, if left too late, can lead to emotional problems." Dr Burton agrees. "Some people find the whole transition, and finding a new role for themselves, just too much. There is no doubt, though, that this is exacerbated by the problem of being hard

difficulties with accommoda-

up," he says. Anne Wyan, Exeter University's study skills adviser, finds that those who come for help

Tor many students, leav- include undergraduates reading home to begin a ing a subject they have not life and take care studied at A level. This is a particularly vulnerable group, often wrongly convinced that they are not coping.
Sources of help are available

at most colleges. The welfare section of the students' union will give advice on grants, loans, accommodation and legal matters, and can refer students to further sources.

Sussex University's counselling service has two full-time and four part-time counsellors, all trained in counselling or psychotherapy, and 18 trained volunteers.

New students are made aware of the service in the university handbook and during induction meetings, when one of the team gives a

brief talk. We are in the business of health," Dr Burton says, "and we put great emphasis on selfhelp and knowing when to consult a professional. We also run workshops in stress management, assertion, relaxation and study skills." An innovation of which Dr

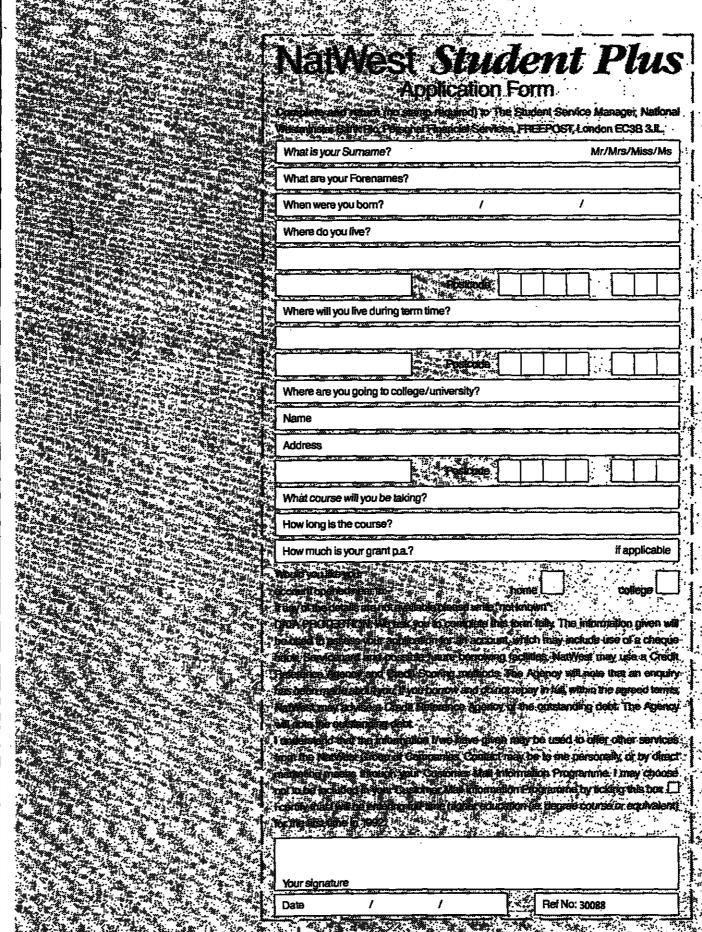
Burton is particularly proud is training secondyear volunteers to Problems at act as residential college are advisers, to welcome newcomers, offer advice not just and refer them academic essary. "They are

a very potent source of referral," he says. Other sources of help at most institutions are personal tutors, who are members of the academic staff, chaplains of all denominations, and doctors and nurses, who are invariably

good listeners. Provision of medical care does vary. Some colleges merely advise students to register with a local doctor. Some have regular clinics staffed by nursing officers, while others have an arrangement with a local general practice that holds surgeries on campus.

Some institutions charge students for some of the services, typically those not available on the NHS, or for time spent in sick bays. At Liverpool University, however, full-time nurses run a free 16-bed sick bay for students needing continuous care, and doctors hold daily surgeries in term time. Students may register with one of the university doctors or another of their choice.

Records will be forwarded from students' family doctors. but during vacations they may still consult them as temporary



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# The forgotten children

Special funds to care for young refugees are

lacking, writes Nicky Willmore

ublicans and retired headmasters crossing Europe in their wellmeaning way to save children from the former Yugoslavia have given local authorities an attack of the jitters. At worst, councils fear a repeat of summer 1990, when the unexpected arrival in London of 200 unaccompanied Eritre-an children exposed for the first time a yawning gap in official policy.

Many councils could not

cope. All still say the absence of policy and resources compro-mises their ability to comply with both UK law and United Nations conventions in caring for refugee children.

Immigration records suggest about 250 unaccompanied refugee children are in the UK today, mostly from the Horn of Africa. The numbers are minute but the needs of the children who make it to the UK alone are specific and

The children are confused when they have their first brush with immigration officials. "Many have had traumatic experiences involving seeing relatives killed or tortured or have themselves experienced abuse," says Terry Barnford. the social services director at Kensington and Chelsea in west London. "The care provided must take account of these experiences as well as their health, cultural, religious and linguistic needs."

Hillingdon, home to Heathrow and responsible as the "parish of origin" for many unaccompanied children ar-



Looking lost in a foreign land: children who have fled from Somalia share a room in Haringey, north London

riving, has provided services to III refugee children in the past two years and has 36 on its books now. The annual bill is £995,810, the amount by which the council's budget exceeded its statutory limit this

Kensington and Chelsea, on a direct tube line from Heathrow, puts the cost of caring for 28 Eritrean children at £500,000, and Haringey estimates care and support costs are £40,000 per child. Yet despite a protracted and united campaign, the 25 London authorities and a few shire counties that care for refugee children have failed to convince the government of the need for a specific grant.

Although few shirk their responsibilities, none can provide care lightly. Disputes between councils about who is immediately responsible for specific children have occa-

sionally ended in the courts, as in the case of the London boroughs of Islington and Hounslow. One child flew four times between London and Northern Ireland before a decision was made.

In addition, government guidance on policy and best practice has been two years in the drafting and is still not published. Ros Finlay, the Refugee Council's social services adviser, says this has delayed improvements to the limited range of skills. knowledge and resources available for the children's care needs.

he Refugee Council has persistently argued that a central project is vital to complement the work of councils. A prime task of the project would be to strengthen existing refugee community care for the children, as well as their links with local authorities," Ms Finlay says.

The project would prevent a repeat of the swamping of resources by the influx of Eritrean children and would solve councils' everyday diffi-culties in establishing links with community groups. These difficulties, particular-

acute if there is no established refugee community in the area, means children often receive inadequate care. Mike Taylor, Hillingdon's social services director, admits to temporary anomalies - for example, where a Tamii child is cared for by a Somali adult. or where Ethiopian children

live alongside Entreans. Of 242 children surveyed by the Refugee Council, 70 had to wait up to three months before a local authority responded and at least 50 were

in their first three months. At least 50 children were placed where they had no contact with people from their cultural

or linguistic background, jeopardising their ability to take a place in their community in the UK or at home and the effectiveness of any eventual family reunion.

Brian Jones, the social services assistant secretary at the Association of Metropolitan Authorities, says: "Today's ease of transport and communications means that the problem of unaccompanied children arriving here as refugees will not go away."

Mr Taylor says he cannot spend £1 million a year on refugee children without hurting other services. "Other than the odd expression of concern that child refugees are being brought in, the silence of government departments on this is deafening," he says.

# **Good charities** begin with training

ho controls Brit-ain's 180,000 charities? And is this done effectively? The question is worth asking and as a matter of urgency because the voluntary sector is playing an ever more critical role in society. During the 1960s, many

people believed that charities would become marginal, even irrelevant, by provision of state services. Instead, the opposite has happened: there has been an deological shift away from state intervention.

The resources charities control are greater than most people realise. The turnover of the voluntary sector is at present £17 billion, which is 3 per cent of the gross national product and more than the turnover of the agricultural sector.

In law, the charities are controlled by the million or so people who serve as voluntary trustees; yet there is evidence that they lack the training and preparation to carry out their responsibilities effectively.

According to today's report by the National Council for Voluntary Organisations, twothirds of all trustees in England and Wales are unaware that they are trust-ees at all; only between a third and a half of them receive information about their organisation's role and their responsibilities as trustees: only a fifth receive proper induction to charity work; and less than a sixth are given training directly related to their work.

The dangers of letting this continue are considerable. Crises in the voluntary sector, such as the recent bankruptcy of War on Want, bring the governance of charities increasingly into the public eye.
As in the private sector, the

changing relationship between a charity's executive managers and the board is a key. Large and mediumsized charities have always relied on paid staff, but during the past decade

Charity trustees

know too little

about their job, says **Winifred Tumim** 



ed the sector. These managers are responsible for large budgets. sometimes more than £50 million annually. They speak the language of the business school and have their own career agendas. Yet they are accountable to part-time unpaid trustees with widely varying abilities and little or no preparation for the work. Small wonder

that trustees can be hoodwinked, or that some professional managers are accused of "capturing" organisations they are paid to manage. The solution is fairly clear.

In the face of such professionalism, trustees need to know their legal and managerial responsibilities vis-a-vis the paid staff. Interference by the trustees with day-to-day operations or, on

the other hand an abro-gation of responsibility can undermine the running of any charity.

Training in the widest sense - including all forms of advice and support - is needed if trustees are to retain control of an organisation's af-fairs. If they do not keep abreast of the new managerial ethos and supervise the work of paid staff, the mission of the organisation can be all too easily subverted.

A final point is worth making. The report suggests that trusteeship is. in the main, a middleclass preserve. But for a much wider section of the population, trusteeship may be an important form of active citizenship. Training should take account of this and help to increase the pool of talent available to charities, giving genuinely equal opportunities.

The author is the chairman of the Royal National Institute for the Deaf and the working party responsible for the report, "On Trust: Increasing the Effective-ness of Charity Trustees and Management Committees", published today by the National Council for Voluntary Organ-isations, Regent's Wharf, 8 All at £3.95, including postage and

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# Councils must not use the new local

tax to pry into personal affairs or to

ata protection laws had been on the statute book for half a decade before the community charge, better known as poll tax, forced their first test in the courts. Now the arrival of the council tax has again raised the issue of what councils are entitled to know about their taxpavers.

Under the rates system, local authorities needed to know little more than the address of a property, the name of its occupier and its rateable value. Nobody dreamed of asking ratepayers personal questions, unless of course they applied for a rebate.

The poll tax, levied personally on 37 million adults in England alone, required councils to compile a computerised register of everybody aged over 18 in their areas. For the first time, every adult had to provide personal details to the local council. Even before the first poll tax bills went out in March 1990, the Data Protection Registrar had

warned councils about the questions they were asking. Before the year was out, the Data Protection Tribunal had been convened for its first sitting to deal with the problems caused by the poll

Counsel for the Data Protection Registrar told the hearing that more than a quarter of the 403 charging authorities in England had asked questions on subjects they were not entitled to know about.

By the time the case came to court in September, only 14 of the 140 councils which had asked questions later ruled "irrelevant and excessive" by the tribunal remained obdurate. However, the damage had been done. Public suspicions about the

already unpopular poll tax registers were deepened by the disclosure that councils had been asking householders what type of home they occupied. Some had even asked about marital status. The councils that asked about property type said they

needed to know in order to discover which houses had been converted into flats. The tribunal disagreed, and ordered the information to be struck

from the register.

Aware of the harm that had been done to the poll tax

ask for irrelevant information by the keeping of registers, ministers hurried to assure the public that the new council tax.

> April I next year, would require nothing of the kind. Heated parliamentary ex-changes followed, in which Labour MPs said that lists of those liable to pay the council tax and the collection of income details from those eligible for rebates would lead to the keeping of registers in all

The Opposition complained

that, far from clarifying the issue, the government's asser-tion that councils will not need to keep registers only clouded matters further. The poll tax legislation gave

clear power to collect and hold certain types of informa-tion, but local authorities will have to rely on their general powers for collecting data about householders for the new council tax.

east controversial will be the so-called banding ⊿lists. These will show which of the eight council tax bands each property has been placed in. The lists have been drawn

up by the Inland Revenue valuation office, and will be available for inspection at town halls around Christmas time. They show no more than the address of each property and the band to which it is allocated. Councils will need to . add the name of the person liable to pay the tax, for bills can no longer legally be ad-dressed to "the occupier".

Assessing who is the person liable may require some complex questioning, and discounts and rebates will demand the keeping of detailed information about income, disability and entitlement to state benefits.

Every person living alone will also have to be listed as such to enable computerised billing systems to award the automatic 25 per cent dis-count to which they are entitled. Nick Platten, the compli-

ance officer to the Data Protection Registrar, told a recent seminar that his office wants to "iron out problems in advance" by talking to councils. The intention is that there will be no repeat of the prosecutions and legal notices



that came about with the introduction of the community charge," he said. To avoid trouble, councils

should bear several basic principles in mind. First, data should be obtained fairly and individuals should not be misled about the purpose of any

question. Second, data should be relevant and the amount of information sought should be adequate for the purpose but not

Finally, it should be accurate and up to date. Mr Platten added a warning to councils that they risk criminal prosecution if they do not add the administration of the new tax

data protection register. He was upbeat about the risks of councils falling foul of the law again, but Jeff Pipe, the assistant city treasurer in Birmingham, offered a word of caution. Addressing the same gathering. Mr Pipe said the new tax would involve obtaining personal information about "a substantial pro-

portion of the population."
He said that, although the council tax regulations give councils powers to use information already in their possession in administering the new tax, the law gives them "no blank cheque to ignore the Data Protection Act.

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or just over a weel The Times has been type-set electronically. No human hand has hetween mine and yours, as you hold this page, save those of the plate room compositors have gone.

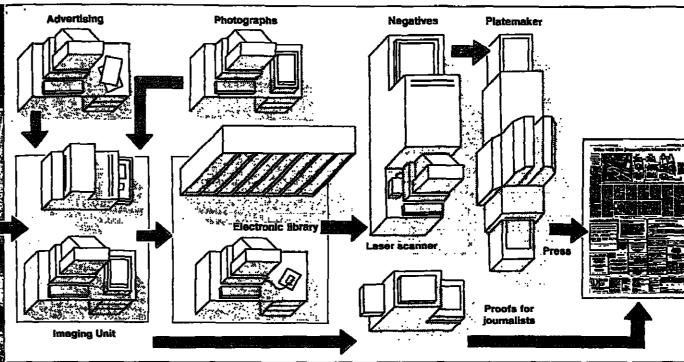
The compositors, or comps. were the people who for two centuries took the words of the Times journalists and turned them into pages. The type was set by hand (two centuries ago), or by Linotype machine (a century ago), or by computer (since 1982). Then the compositors corrected it, working with production journalists clasping red-inked proofs.

Now most journalists type their work into word processors, while others design pages on a screen, and all corrections are done by the same method. It is a streamlined system that would have rejoiced the heart of John Walter, who first published *The Daily Univer-*sal Register in 1785, changing the name to The Times three years later. He started the paper partly to exploit the invention of a compositor, Henry Johnson, who believed that time and labour could be saved by printing several let-ters together instead of separately. The idea didn't work very well, and Walter began a famous tradition: he blamed

the printers. I have been severely injured by the inattention, neglect and ignorance of others," he said, a cry that until last week could be heard nightly on the sub-editor's desks on The Times. Henceforth they must blame themselves.

The Times has always looked for more efficient production, a drive not always condoned by the compositors, who lost no time, for example, in lampooning John Walter and his "logographic type".





The new system: stories are typed in to word processors (left), while pages are designed on another screen. The two systems are merged, pictures and advertisements are inserted in an imaging unit, and the pages are proofed and corrected. The electronic library is the nerve centre of the operation. A laser scanner then converts the information into a negative the size of this page and from this an aluminium plate is made for the press.

organised bunch with a thousand internal rules. Benjamin Franklin had come up against them when he worked in London as a compositor in 1725. Refusing to pay a drinks levy, he had "many little pieces of private malice practised on me". What the other comps did was to transpose his letters while he wasn't looking, like tish. Indeed the scatological transposition of the word "this" was at the heart of many Times disputes. An oversight, the comps would say. One of the better known

oversights was the affair of Harcourt's speech in 1882. The Times compositors were in dispute with the management; and the gentlemen of London, in their clubs, were shocked to learn from the Thunderer's report that Lord Harcourt had told the House "he felt inclined for a bit of " (my asterisks). It lasted for one edition, and G. Price, the comp responsible, was sacked after an enquiry.

It would be wrong to suggest that The Times always regarded its compositors as untrustworthy. For much of its history, the reverse was true. "There is probably no industry in which the relationship between staffs and management is so satisfactory and amicasaid one authority in 1935. Barry Doyland, who was a comp in The Times "Companionship" in the 1950s, wrote: "We still considered ourselves an extension of the Astor family."

But anyone who types thousands of words an hour is bound to make mistakes. Now, as from last week, readers can be sure that their errors come fresh from the keyboard of a writer or sub-editor (the Editor, by tradition, never falters). Some, indeed, may be

mistakes that a sharp-eyed comp would have spotted -every sub-editor has been saved like that -- and there are few on The Times who will not miss the humour and drama of the "stone". Not much fun shouting "Hold the front page" at a computer screen.

The stone really disap-peared when The Times transferred to photo-composition. It was originally just that, a slab of stone, and on its perfectly flat surface a million metal lines of type had been assembled and locked into place by stab hands (comps) at Printing

was simple enough to make sense to any visitor who had played with a John Bull printing set. From the comp, nevertheless, it required dexterity, muscle and patience.

For the production journalist in the days of hot metal there was a sense of satisfaction in working with a good comp, in the inky din and emotional heat of the composing room, and producing a corrected page by its deadline. A good comp never argued about correcting the same

House Square, and then at paragraph a dozen times. He Gray's Irin Road. The process could tell at a glance where the next slug (line of type) should go, and how many thins (slivers of lead) he needed to pack out a column. He could combine speed with accuracy. If the comps were the Sherpa Tensings, the oppressed sub-editor could sometimes see himself as a Hillary. To work with a bad one, of course, was murder; a sentiment frequentaired and always returned.

This symbiotic relationship was weakened by photo-composition. The first photo-setting machinery arrived in

3, 1982 that metal disappeared from the printing process. In came lasers and computers. Corrections were still done by comps and journalists working together, but now the comp used a scalpel to cut waxed bromide paper into shapes which were pasted together to form a page. John Bull had given way, as one depressed comp put it, to a child's jigsaw puzzle: After the move to Wapping

in 1986 journalists set and corrected the type; but comps (now, for the first time, sometimes female) were still needed to stick the corrections onto a page. These non-union comps lacked the old printing crafts but they quickly developed the skills they needed, working accurately under pressure, wielding scalpels at speed, never quite cutting off their fingers. And the companion-ship of the stone — as the composing room was still called — never died.

Until last week. On Friday, September 18, Tony Norbury, the paper's assistant editor (production), handed over the last bromide page, and on Sunday September 20 the paper was all-electronic (with Norbury this was the fulfil-ment of a dream he had in the late 1970s, when he envisaged that journalists would one day control the written word in their own paper. "The technology has evolved over the last decade to enable this to happen," he says, "but after more than 30 years working in composing rooms I found it quite emotional. This was the

end of a great era." With that era died a language, a lexicon of devils. chapels, slugs and sticks, nomples, pies, quoins and chaises, clickers and randoms, whackers and wayzgooses. In its place we have the dongles. log-ons, macros and acronyms of computerspeak.

Some old words remain. sops to the older hacks. There are still 72 "points" to the inch on the screens on which this page was designed. There is still "lead" below this line. But I sense that my screen would prefer to deal in centimetres. It certainly doesn't swear or joke and it doesn't spot mistakes.

It's a good machine in its way, but some of us will miss the comps, damn them. ● The author is features production editor of The Times



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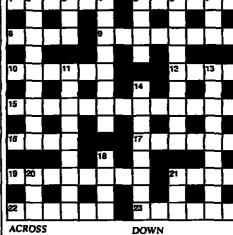
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1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (43684097) 1.50 Going for Gold presented by Henry Kelly (s) (43688813)
2.15 Film: Buddies (1983) starring Colin Friels and Harold Hopkins. Rough-and-tumble comedy about two Australian group prospectors to the first than the prospectors and the state of who find themselves having to do battle with a big mining company who want to take over their claim. Directed by Arch Nicholson (251392)

3.50 Opposites Attract. Nature series presented by Derek Griffiths (r) (s) (8503349) 4,00 Funnybones. A new cartoon series about three comical skeletons. With the voice of Griff Rhys Jones (s) (6078707) 4.05 Spacevets. The first of a new sci-fi comedy series (8497894)
4.20 The Chipmunks. Cartoon (r) (8581287) 4.35 Hartbeat.
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6.30 Regional News Magazines (417). Northern Ireland: Neighbours 7.00 Telly Addicts. Television trivia quiz (s) (3184)
7.30 EastEnders. (Ceefax) (s) (829)
8.00 Citizen Smith. Classic comedy from John Sullivan staming Robert Lindsay as Wolfie, Tooting's very own urban guerrilla, this week having to postpone the revolution when Speed makes a reappearance on his patch (r). (Ceefax) (9504)
8.30 2 Point 4 Children. Andrew Marshall's domestic comedy starring Belinda Lang and Gary Olsen. (Ceefax) (s) (8639)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (8233)

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9.30 Givings. Hard-hitting drama by Lynda La Plante following the fortunes of a group of soldiers returning to civilian life. (Ceefax) (s) (238184)

10.25 Omnibus: The Piero Trail.

● CHOICE: This fascinating documentary, marking the 500th anniversary of the death of italy's Piero della Francesca, makes full use of computer technology to piece together a startling portrait of the elusive Renaissance painter. Despite supposedly being the son of a tanner, Piero somehow amassed the mathematical know-how of a learned gentleman. Thus a painting such as his The Ragellation of Christ can be constructed as a three-dimensional model following the artist's precise lines and logic. Professor B.A.R. Carter makes the most impact as he dissects still more paintings according to their geometrical substructures finding hidden symbolism along the way, but there are also keen observations from experts and artists such as Sir John Pope Hennessy and Tom Phillips. (Ceefax) (5531639) Wales: Sportsnight Wales 10.55 Omnibus



Gunfighter: John Wayne makes a parting shot (11.30pm)

11.30 Film: The Shootist (1976) starring John Wayne, in his last film Lauren Baçall and James Stewart. A poignant western about a former gunlighter, now suffering from cancer, who wants to spend his last days in peace. Unfortunately he is a target for all the young guns who want to make a name for themselves. Directed by Don Siegel. (Ceefax) (707707). Wales: 12.00-1.35 The Shootist 1.05am Weather (8126108). Ends at 1.10

2.15 BBC Select: Executive Business Club. Scrambled (153547). Ends at 3.15

### BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (9710962)

8.15 Writers' Houses. P.J. Kavanagh visits the Olney, Buckinghamshire home of the 18th-century poet William Cowper (r) (9733813) 8.30 Play Better Golf. Peter Allis with advice on escaping from difficult lies (r) (10829)

9.00 Daytime on Two. Educational programmes 2.00 News and weather (34778981) followed by You and Me (r) (40327504)

2.15 Labour Party Conference 92. Coverage continues with John Smith Smith address to Conference as leader of the party. Includes News (Ceefax) and weather at 3.00 and 3.50 (89453875)

5.30 Film 92 with Barry Norman. Includes reviews of Carry On Columbus, City of Joy and Bitter Moon. Plus a location report from Kenneth Branagh's third film as director, Peter's Friends (r) (s) (894) 6.00 Film: The Hideaways (1973) starring Ingrid Bergman. The story of a brother and sister, bored with their suburban lifestyle who decide to decamp to New York where, in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, they become obsessed by a marble statue of an angel and

Art, they become obsessed by a marble statue of an angel and decide to seek out the donor who turns out to be a rich, elderly reduse. Directed by Fielder Cook (52120078)

7.45 Assignment: Oh Canadal Oh Quebec!

CHOICE: The Montreal-born novelist Mordecai Richler reports on what he calls the "goofy, totally) unnecessary tribal quarrel" between the French and English-speaking populations of Quebec, not to mention the Mohawks and Cree. As the author of Oh Canadal Oh Quebec! Requiem for a Divided Country, a humorous book attacking Canadian separatism, you would expect him to have an eye for the absurd and he certainly makes the most of the peculiarities of the current language laws. Commercial placards and road signs are now in French by law. It is odd indeed to consider how in France the stop signs say "Stop!" while in Quebec they say "Arret!" Richler's viewpoint is unashamedly biased but not wholly flippant. Events in Yugoslavia have shown just how serious tribal quarrels can become. (843900)

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8.30 Floyd On Spain. Keith Floyd concludes his gastronomic tour of Spain by sampling food in La Mancha and Madrid. (Ceefax) (9981)

9.00 The Mary Whitehouse Experience. Off-beat comedy, a spin-off from the radio series. Starring David Baddiel, Hugh Dennis, Rob Newman and Steve Punt (r) (s) (6875)



Death and the cartoonist: Gerald Scarfe fantasises (9.30pm)

9.30 Scarfe in Paradise.

 CHOICE: The cynical cartoonist Gerald Scarle is at his best in this quirky programme on death and what happens afterwards, a follow-up to his investigations on art and sex. The idea that absolutely nothing happens, is, of course, glossed over in order for Scarfe to explore more interesting options such as heaven, hell and reincarnation as well as cop-outs such as immortality or, failing that, body freezing. Although his report is peppered with entertaining fantasy sequences, there are also interviews with all manner of real people with very different but equally fervent views on what's going to befall them. Scarfe himself remains worried by his own uncertainty. Then again, if he really believed his fear that "hell is worse than anything we can imagine", he might not be able to get through life, let alone death, (Ceefax) (580184)

10.10 The Works: Inside the Box. Last in the series celebrating the importance of engineering. (Ceefax) (642417)
 10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow (876788)

11.15 The Late Show. Arts and media magazine (s) (763900) 11.55 Weather (677726)

12.00 Open University: Motion — Newton's Laws (69092). Ends at

6.00 TV-am (5263875) 9.25 Win, Lose or Draw. Celebrity game show hosted by Danny Baker (6867894) 9.55 Thames News (7337523) 10.00 The Time . . . The Place . . . Topical discussion series (7774558)

10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley. Today's edition includes items on hair and beauty, family finance and women who thrive on challenge. Plus, at 11,00, another episode of the twice-weekly soap. With national and international news at 10.55 and regional news at 11.55 followed by national weather (9337165)

12.10 Playbox. Early-learning series (r) (s) (5471542)

12.30 Lunchtime News (Oracle) Weather (2449271) 1.05 Thames

News (69761184)

1.15 Home and Away. Australian family drama serial. (Oracle) (573875) 1.45 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in the Australian outback (s) (572146)

2.15 Mavis Catches Up With ... Mavis Nicholson talks to comedienne
Dawn French (597455) 2.45 Families. Soap linking the north of

England with Australia (s) (5498766)

3.10 Football. Live coverage of the Uefa cup first round, second leg match between Torpedo Moscow and Manchester United. The first match between Torpedo Moscow and Manchester United. The first leg at Old Trafford ended goalless (34492558)
5.10 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game for teenagers, presented by Bob Holness (9520981)
5.40 Early Evening News. (Oracle) Weather (325621)
5.55 Thames Help (r) (842894)
6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (233)
6.30 Thames News (813)
7.00 Emmedale. Drama serial set in the Yorkshire Dales. (Oracle) (8257)

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7.30 Football. Highlights of this afternoon's Uefa cup first round.

second leg match in Moscow between Torpedo Moscow and Manchester United (487) Manchester United (487)

8.00 The Bill: Stoning the Glasshouse. A low-key undercover operation against drug dealers in a local estate pub takes an unpleasant turn. (Oracle) (7900)

8.30 Men Behaving Badily. Simon Nye's comedy series about two bachelor flat-mates and their attempts to attract the opposite sex. Starring Martin Clumes and Neil Morrissey with Leslie Ash and Cambing Oracting as their kennesufficien unclairs nainthouse.

Caroline Quentin as their long-suffering upstairs neighbours. (Oracle) (s) (3707)

9.00 Boon. Michael Elphick stars as the Midlands private detective this week being drawn into danger by a terrified woman. (Ceefax) (s) (6504) 10.00 News at Ten. (Oracle) (s) Weather (39900) 10.30 Thames News



10.40 Before Columbus: Rebellion. The last in the documentary series written and presented by Michael Wood on the history of the Indian people of the Americas. (Ceefax) (s) (627829)
11.40 Prisoner: Cell Block H. Drama serial set in an Australian women's

detention centre (186962) 12.30am Video View presented by Mariella Frostrup. The latest releases reviewed (16634)

1.30 The Equalizer, McCall helps a diplomat's wife to recover her kidnapped son. Starring Edward Woodward, Lisa Eichhorn and

Macaulay Culkin (r) (94721) 2.30 Donahue. A discussion on how couples can have a more sexual and loving relationship (1748498)

3.20 60 Minutes. American news magazine (2546905)
4.10 The Whitbread Round the World Race. Yachting (7818905) 5.10 Short Story Theatre: Mark and Donny. The story of two young

car thieves (3883672) 5.30 ITN Morning News (64547). Ends at 6.00

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7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (55564)

9.00 You Bet Your Life. American quiz show (s) (23349)

9.30 Schools (424233)
12.00 Profiles of Nature, Wildlife photographer Brisol Foster captures the life of the rarely-seen red-throated loon (36813)
12.30 Sesame Street. Entertaining early-learning series (r) (75455)
1.30 Take 5. For younger viewers (54707)
2.00 Mister Rossi On the Beach. Animation (59059788)

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2.15 The Labour Party Conference, Live coverage of John Smith's first address to Conference as party leader (164233)
3.30 Hying Hair. Animation by Poland's Piotr Dumala (4081097)
3.40 The Three Stooges in Gem of a Jam (b/w) (5730184)
4.00 A Houseful of Plants. Indoor gardening series. presented by Ficella Benjamin and Michael Jordan (r). (Teletext) (726)
4.30 Fifteen to One. General knowledge knock-out quiz (610)
5.00 Crawshaw Paints on Holiday. Alwyn Crawshaw paints, trains, trams and the market square of Soller in Majorca (9558)
5.30 If Wilshes Were Horses. Series following a group of rhikling of

5.30 If Wishes Were Horses. Series following a group of children of

mixed ability learning to ride (s) (962) 6.00 Desmond's. Comedy series set in a Peckham barber's. Starring Norman Beaton (r). (Teletext) (s) (875) 6.30 Roseanne. Wise-cracking blue collar comedy starring Roseanne

Amold and John Goodman (r). (Teletext) (455)
7.00 Channel 4 News. (Teletext) Weather (8962) 8.00 Blame it on the Radger. Chris Kelly narrates Maurice Tibbles's acclaimed film about Britain's best-known yet least seen mammal.

Teletext) (5542) 8.30 Check Out 92. The consumer affairs programme examines this week the important question of whether Britain's beer drinkers are

getting a fair deal from the brewers (s) (1349)

9.00 Top Autumns: Andy Goldworthy. A look at the work of the sculptor who uses leaves, sticks and rocks to capture the rhythms of time and place (s) (4145)



sion and deceit: Charlotte Rampling, lain Glen (10.00pm)

10,00 Film on Four: Paris By Night (1990).

 CHOKE: A very eighties film this, with Charlotte Rampling excellent as Clara Paige, the Thatcherite Euro-MP with a hard-lined morality which only becomes blurred at the edges in reference to herself. Directed by David Hare, the feature has the same air of grim realism punctuated by surprising tragedy as his Wetherby. This time the shock comes when Clara, on business in Paris, efficiently dispatches the man who is blackmailing her by pushing him into the Seine. Her subsequent affair with a passionate young entrepreneur (lain Glen) prompts more deceit and forces her to confront her own usually buried emotions. There are good performances all round with Michael Gambon brilliant as Clara's drink-sodden husband, but the pace is held up by stilted dialogue and choppy editing. (Ceefax) (249813)

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11.55 Empty Nest. Comedy series starring Richard Mulligan as a

widowed medical man (251542)

12.25am Goya. The fifth of a six-part drama about the life and works of the celebrated Spanish painter (r). (Teletext) (8394160)

1.25 Film: The Calendar (1948, b/w) starring John McCallium and Greta Gynt. Horseracing drama, based on a play by Edgar Wallace, directed by Arthur Crabtree (6575924). Ends at 2.50

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9.00 Pacific Heights (1990): Melanie Griffith and Matthew Modine let a studio flat to Michael Keaton (23829)
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Kinski stars as Nosferatu (710943)
2.15 The image (1990); Albert Finney as a
newsman pursuing a scoop (648214)
4.00 Original lotinit (1990); A lawyer gives
up the high life to protect the homeless
(201653), Ends at \$.40

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6.15am From Noon 'Til Three (1976):
Charles Bronson plays a bank robber who
firts with pretty women (914813)
8.15 The Adventures of Robin Hood
(1938: Staring Errol Flynn (402879)
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children conceal their father's death
(507423) 5pm Father Goose (1964): Navy out Cary Grant is beset by Leslie Caron

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Show (7829) 8.30 Night Court (3436) 9.00 Hogan's Heroes (81349) 9.30 The Lucy Show (85726) 10.00 Kids in the Hall (54368) 10.30-11.00 Barney Miller (30788)

SKY SPORTS

 Vie the Astra and Marcopolo satellites 6.30am Stretch (73455) 7.00 Premier League: Arsenal v Manchester City (60928) 9.00 Stretch (17813) 9.30 Boots and All (68788) 10.30 Pool (49165) 11.30 Stretch (37504) 12.00 American Sports Cavalcade (35707) 1.00pam Premier League: Arsenal v Manchester City (78900) 3.00 The Big League: Bradford Northern v Leeds (80542) 5.00 German Touring Car Championship (6691) 6.00 Football News (447523) 6.03 Super Trax (24691) 7.00 Red Line (86368) Super Hax (24091) 7.00 Heat time (60366) 8.00 Muscle Might (62788) 8.00 The Footballer's Football Show (65875) 11.00 German League Football (89813) 1.00-2.00am American Sports Cavalcade (39504)

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SCREENSPORT

 Via the Astra satellite
 8.00am Eurobics (92504) 8.30 Tour Tennis
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Gameshow (38897) 11.00 Gloss (52813)
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RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 6.15am Pause for Thought 6.30 Brian Hayer: Good Morning UK! 9.15 Pause for Thought 9.30 Ken Bruce 11.30 Jimmy
Young 2.00pen Glona Huminford 3.30 Ed Stewart 5.05 John Dunn 7.00 The Mark Brothers'
Plywheel, Shyster and Plywheel (r) 7.30 Myself When Young: Claire Rayner talks to Jonathan King 8.00 Mgra's Music 9.00 The Telstar Marc. The life and music of Joe Meek, Britain's hist independent record producedengeneer 10.00 Living Blues GN6 10.30 The Jamesons 12.05am Jazz Parade 12.35 Steve Madden with Night Ride 4.00 Alex Lester RADIO 5

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Baker's Momma Edition 9.00 Schook: See for
Yourself, 9.15 First Steps in Drama; 9.35 Wordplay 9.45 Singing Together, 10.05 Time to
atove 10.25 Wiggly Park 10.30 Johnnie Walker with The AM Alternative 12.30pm Kitchen
Cabinet (r) 1.00 News Update 1.10 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 1.25 BPS Worldwide 2.30 European
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10.00 Adrian Love 1.00-6.00am André Leon

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performs Brahms (Tho in E Flat
for horn, violin and piano, Op
40); Jánaček (Concertino for

piano and six instruments); Fibich (Quintet in D, Op 42); Martini (La Revue de cuisine) 3.50 BBC Scottish SO under En Shao performs Franck

Symphony) (r)
4.30 Pop Goes the Jazz Star-Louis Armstrong, Mel Hill

investigates jazz artists who dabbled in pop music 5.00 in Tune, with Natalie Wheen 7.45 España: Live from the Queen Elizabeth Hall, the first of two biochemics and the control of the co

BBC concerts to mark the Columbus anniversary. Anon (Cantigas de Santa Maria: The Dufay Collective). 8.20 Profit or Loss? The differences

between 13th and 15th century Spain, 8.40 Matrix Ensemble under Robert

Ziegler, with Andrew West,

plano, performs Hidalgo (Alegrias); Gerhard (Leo). 9,20 How a City Sings: Granada (r). 9,40 Falla (El Retablo de

Maese Pedro: Matrix Ensemble under Robert Ziegler, with Maggie Cole, harpsichord, Sam Pay, treble, Adrian

Carpenter 11.30 South American

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4.45 Short Story: Grandma's

Hogarth 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast

Central Position, by Beryl Bainbridge. Read by Jane

5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast
5.55 Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 The House: Fifth of a six-part political drama by Christopher Lee (s) (r)
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7.20 Fife on 4
8.00 High Resolution: The Rhythm of Life. Fiona Sellurk investigates what makes life

investigates what makes life tick as she analyses the biological clocks that mark time in the natural world 8.30 it's a Funny Old World

### RADIO 3

6.55am Weather 7.00 On Air: Andrew McGregor 7.00 On Air: Andrew McGregor with music, news and weather 9.00 Composers of the Week The Mendelssohns — Fanny and Feist, European Travels. Fefix Mendelssohn (Trumpet Overture: ISO under Claudio Abbado); Fanny Mendelssohn (Sonata in C minor: Liana Serbescu, plano; Nachtreigen: Heidelberg Madrigal Choir under Gerald Kegelmann); Felix Mendelssohn (Ihr wollt uns hier mit List verwirren, Die uns hier mit List verwirren, Die Heimkehr aus der Fremde: Munich Radio Orchestra under Heinz Wallberg, with Hanna Schwarz, alto, Benno Kusche,

bass; Overture, Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage: Hanover Band under Roy Goodman) 10.00 Favourite Things: Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No S in D, BWV 1050: English CO under Philip Ledger, harpsichord, with William Bennett, flute, Stephanie Gonley, violin); Debussy (Syrinx: David Heath, flute); Milhaud (La Création du Monde: London Sinfonietta under Simon Rattle, with John Harle, saxophone); Heath (Recall: the composer, flute); nonegger (Freude, Anoso and fugue on Bach: Bournemouth Sinfonietta under Tamas Vasary); Bach (Sonata in A minor, BWV 1013: David Heath, flute); Rodgers (My Favourite Things: John Coltrane saronbone and Coltrane, saxophone, and trio); Heath (Coltrane for alto flute: the composer); Michael Sam Pay, treble, Adrian
Thompson, tenor, Matthew
Best, bass)
10.20 Wesley, Father and Son: S.
Wesley (Symphony No 4 in D:
Milton Keynes CO under Hilary
Davan Wetton); S.S. Wesley
(Blessed be the God and
Father: Choir of St Paul's
Cathedral under John Scott,
with Andrew Lucas, organ)
10.45 Night Waves, with Humphrey
Carpenter

Nyman (Where the Bee Dances: Bourne fonietta under Ivor Bolton with John Harle, saxophone)
12.00 York Early Music Festival
1992: The Palladian Ensemble 1992: The Palladian Ensemble
— Pamela Thorty, recorder,
Rachel Podger, volin., Joanne
Levine, cello, and Wilham
Carter, theorbo — performs
Marco Uccellini (Sonata sopra
La Bergamasca); Biagio Marini
(Sonata prima); Dario Castello
(Sonata prima); Dario Castello
(Sonata prima); Handel (Trio
Sonata in F); Giovenni Battista
Bononcini (Divertimento da
camera in F); Telemann (Trio
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Sonata in D minor) (r) 1.00pm News
1.05 The Company of Heaven:
The BBC Singers and the BBC
Concert Orchestra under

(s) Stereo on FM 5.55am Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing, ind 6.03 Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, ind 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 7.45 Thought for the Day 8.54 The Queen and I, by Sue Townsend. Read by Mirlam Margolyes (2/8) (s) 8.58 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Call Mick Ross: 071-580 4444. Lines open from Barn

9.05 Call Nick Ross: U71-580
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10.00-10.30 News; The Great
River (FM only): Philip Short
concludes his journey up the
Yangtze River in the wake of
Archibald Little, the 19th-Century Scotlish merchant 10.00 Daily Service (LW only) 10.15 The Pilgrim's Progress (LW only), by John Burlyan (22/25) 10.30 Woman's Hour discusses child vaccination and

palindromes, Incl 11,00 News 11,30 All in the Mind 12.00 You and Yours 12.25pm Frank Muir Presents ... 500 Years of Humorous Prose: Just the Job. Including the theory behind Parkinson's law (s) 12.55 Weather

1.00 The World at One, with

James Naughtie 1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Thirty-Minute
Theatre: Making Do, by
Tracey Aston. Joyce (Miranda
Richardson) has never had a boyfriend and is not sure if Howard (Jim Broadbent) is the right man for her (s) (r) 2.30 Tingle Factor: Jeremy

Nicholas's guest is Dr Jonathan Miller, the writer and theatre director (s) 3.00 Tuesday Lives: Joanna Buchan visits two extreme American communities, the Amish and the Navaho Indians. She takes part in a reunion of the Navaho v veterans who describe to

secret role during the second 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope; P.D. James talks about The Children of Men, her latest Children of Intent ner latest no hovel set in a future where no babies are born; and there is a review of Gore Vidal's book, Writer Against the Grain (s)

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2: Asian Trader (s) (r) 11.30 The Odd Couple: Par for the Course. Debbie Thrower meets Des Smyth, a professional golfer, and John O'Reilly, his caddy (s) (r) 12.00-12.43am News, Incl 12.27 Weather 12 33 Shinning

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 CHOICE: Brevity may be the soul of wit, but Miles Kington needed a bit longer than 15 minutes to do justice to the things that Nigerians find to laugh at in themselves and others. Ordin enough, for a larger than 15 minutes that Nigerians find to laugh at in themselves and others. others. Oddly enough, for a humorous commentator, Kington does not tell us what he found in Nigeria to tidde him pink. Perhaps he will be less self-effacing in future programmes about the Chinese, Indians, Egyptians, Greeks and Poles. As for the Nigerians themselves, they like lokes about government corruption and the ethnic divisions within their country. Mother-in-law jokes are

outlawed 8.45 in Touch, with Tony Barringer 9.15 Kaleidoscope (s) (r) 9.45 The Financial World Tonight, with Tim Bowler (s) 9.59 Weather 10.00 The World Tonight, with Alexander MacLeod (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Talking

at the Gates, by James
Campbell, Read by John
Branwell (7/10) (s)
11.00 The Trade Rag: Nick Baker
looks between the pages of sk
newspapers and magazines
serving different professions.
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12.43 World Service (LW only)

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